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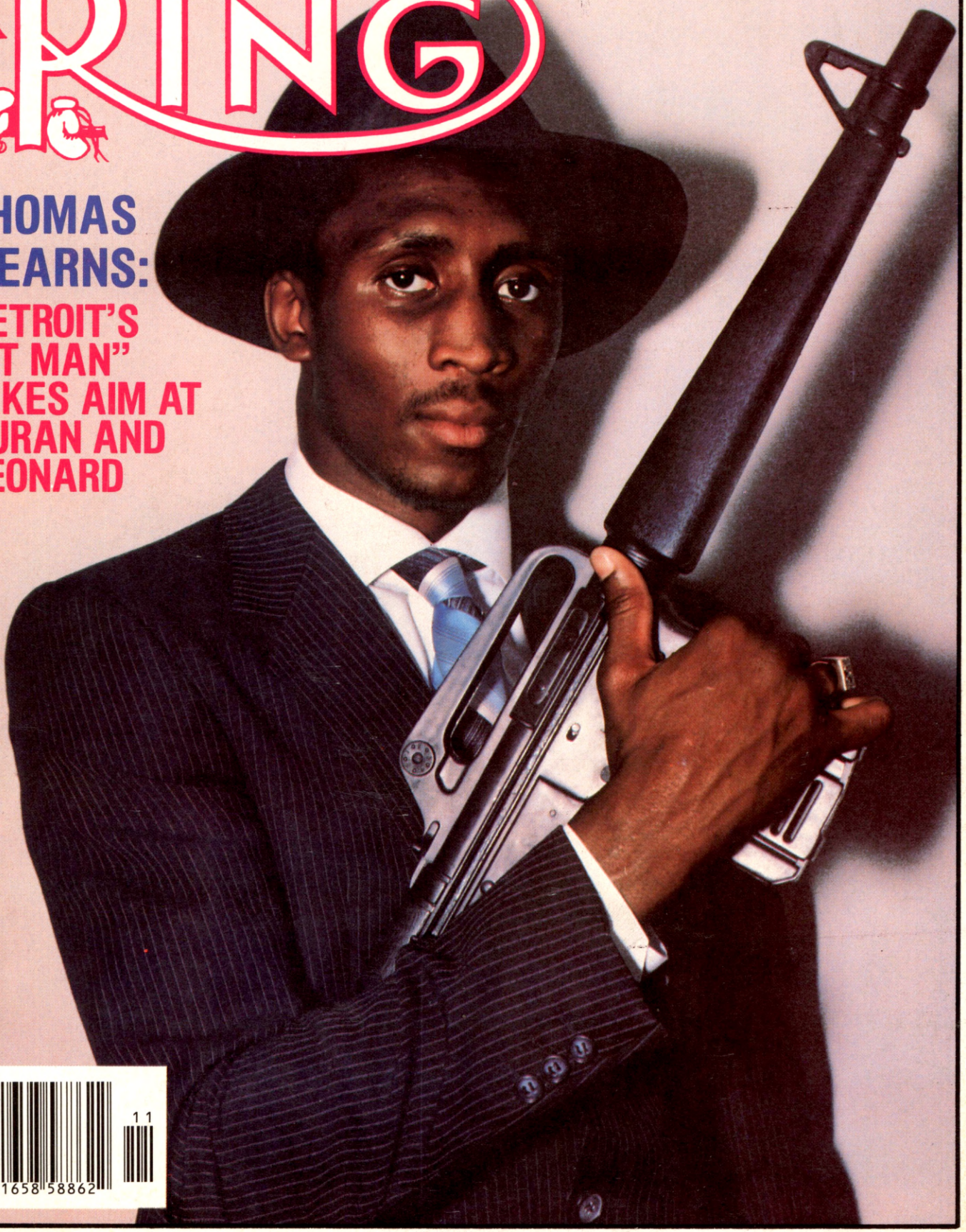

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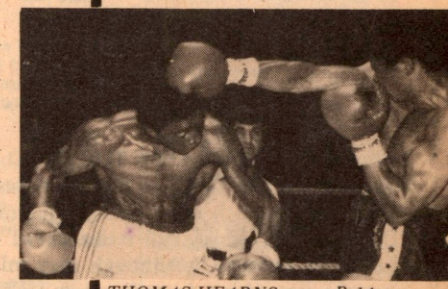

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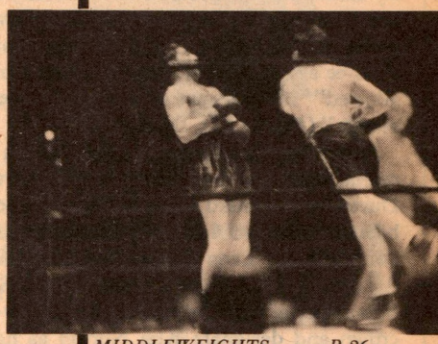

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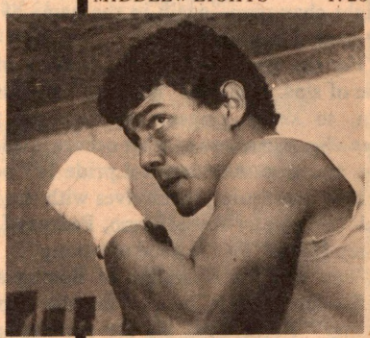

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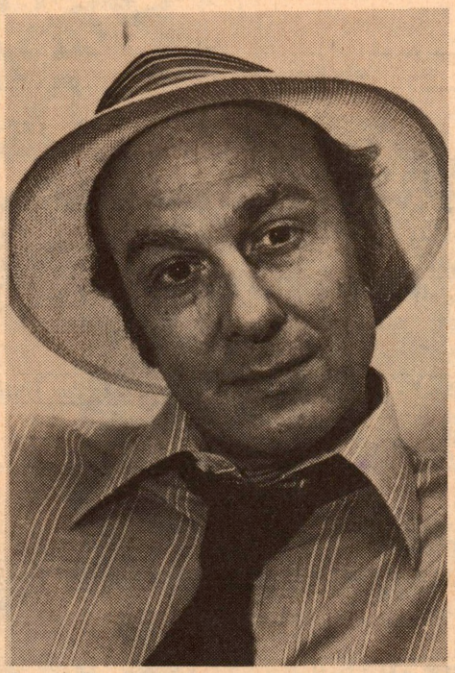


THE CATCHPHRASE "FOR THE GOOD OF boxing," won't be found in *Bartlett's Quotations* alongside such other famous quotes as "Damn the torpedoes, full steam ahead" or "Let them eat cake." Although they might mean the same thing, in reality they are boxing's codewords for "This is a stick-up" and belong, more properly, on a note handed to victims during a hold-up.

The words, not incidentally, belong to one Jose Sulaiman, whose every utterance reminds us of yet another quotation, that of Ralph Waldo Emerson, who once said, "The more he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons."

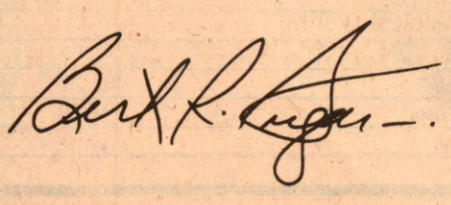
What has Senor Sulaiman done this time?, you might ask, ready for anything. He has approved a return bout between WBC Welterweight Champion Roberto Duran and challenger Sugar Ray Leonard "for the good of boxing," even though the WBC Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations clearly state that "return match(es)" are not only frowned upon, but that "no championship contract shall be approved and no title match shall be allowed" if they even hint of a "return match." (Article XII, Section 10).

Assuming, for argument's sake, that a case *can* be made that the "return match" between Duran and Leonard is really "for the good of boxing," why would it differ from the return bout between Leon Spinks and Muhammad Ali back in 1978—a bout which caused Senor Sulaiman to strip Spinks of his newly-won crown and designate Ken Norton as heavyweight champion—again in the name of "for the good of boxing."

"For the good of boxing" covers a multitude of sins. It allows "homers," or countrymen, to sit at ringside to vote for their *compadre*, regardless of what occurs inside the ring, and give *their* national pride 149 points without concerning themselves with the fight itself (cf: Minter-Antuofermo, Pedroza-Lockridge). Is this "for the good of boxing"?

When will the Ayatollah of Boxing allow unification of title bouts "for the good of boxing?" Right now, we are surfeited with WBC and WBA demi-champions in every class except the middleweight division. There are 26 champions of something-or-other as opposed to the 14 there should be (including something called the cruiserweight division). Was it "for the good of boxing" that Senior Sulaiman had the Panamanian government put the Kibosh on a scheduled Cuevas-Leonard fight for a unification of the welterweight crown and, instead, substitute the Duran-Leonard fight? What "good of boxing" is Senior Sulaiman talking about?" His or the boxing world's?

And, speaking of "the good of boxing," it will serve no useful purpose for Senor Sulaiman, or anyone else for that matter, to approve another title bout for Muhammad Ali—overuse of drugs, lack of sweat, or any other excuses to the contrary. Not only will *Ring* not countenance such a "return match", but will refuse to cover it, inasmuch as we find it "*Not* for the good of boxing."



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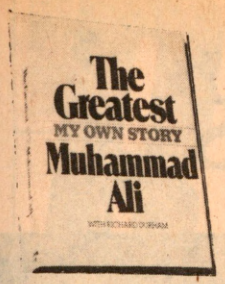

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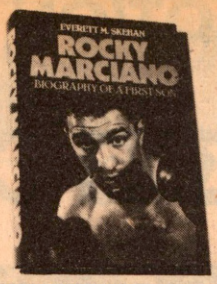

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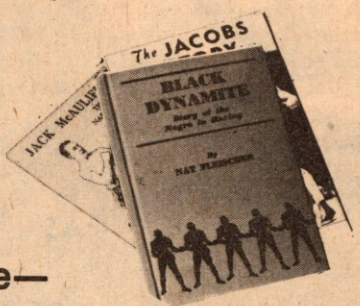

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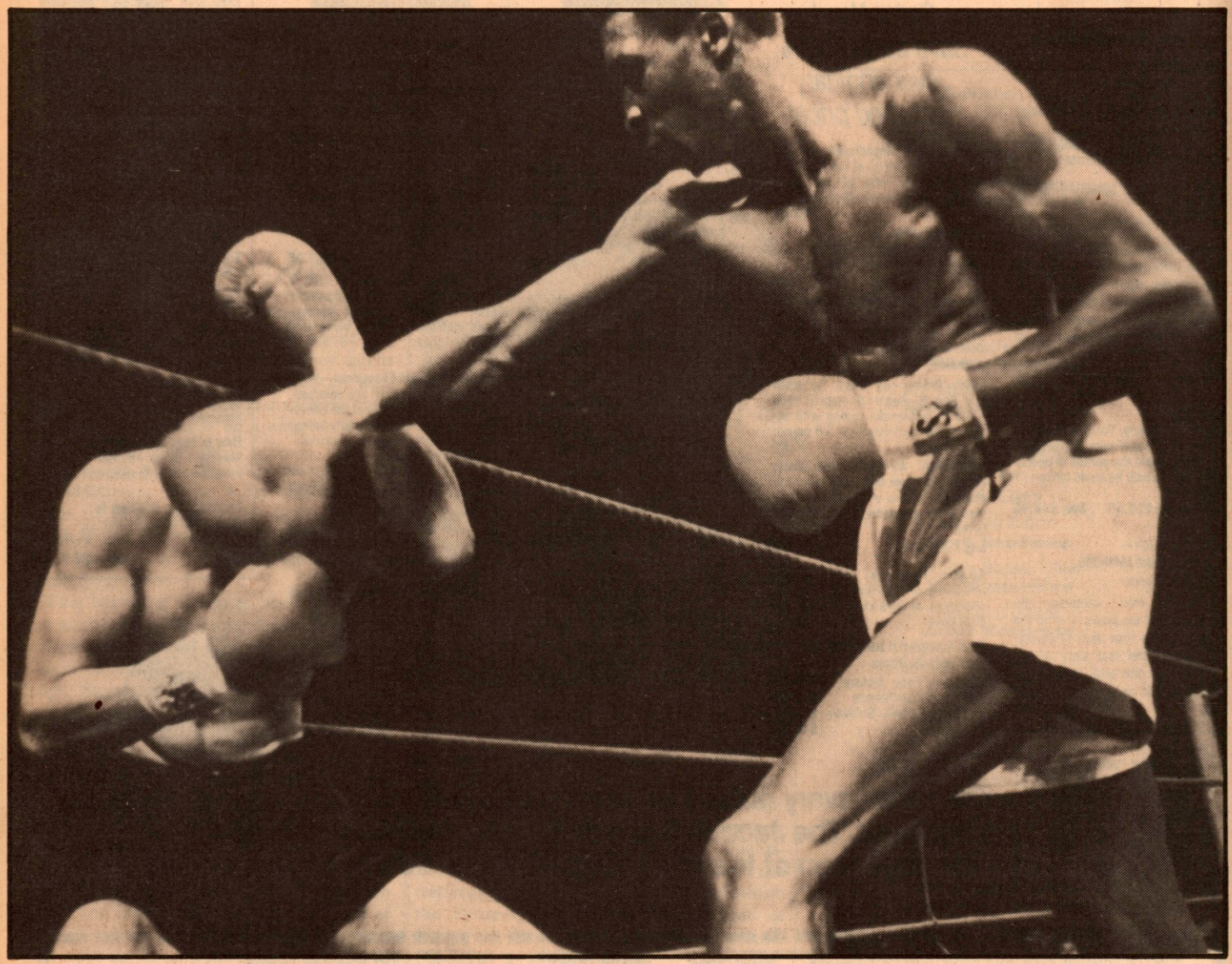

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IN HIS EDITORIAL IN FRONT OF THE the August-September World Boxing Council newsletter, president Jose Sulaiman writes the following: "Perhaps because he gets disturbed at our refusal to vow (sic) to the will of the boxing business men(sic), the infamous TV commentator *Stanley Cosel*, used and abused the power of a TV network to defame us."

Now there's a man who knows his boxing and boxing people! And it also says something for the myth that Howard Cosell has become a household name . . . not in the Sulaiman household, at least. But then again, for all Jose Sulaiman knows, a myth might be a female moth.

FOUL-OF-THE-MONTH AWARD

AT THE RULES MEETING BEFORE the recent Salvador Sanchez-Patrick Ford WBC featherweight championship bout, held in San Antonio, Ford's manager, Dave Rodriguez, issued a verbal protest over the selection of one of the three judges, Sr. Ramon Berumen of Mexico. It was Rodriguez's contention that Berumen had officiated at one of Sanchez's previous title defenses, and, anyway, one Mexican judge was enough.

But the honor of Mexico was at stake, and Jose Sulaiman, WBC prexy, with all the importance of a pouter pigeon, drew himself up to his full 5'6½" height to shout at Rodriguez something to the effect "nobody was going to tell me how to . . . " At this point, Texas State Athletic Commissioner Bob Bussey told Jose "to shut up and sit down," although most in the room thought the diminutive Sulaiman was still sitting instead of standing in front of Rodriguez, ranting and raving into his face.

Bussey, trying to restore some semblance of order, then instructed Rodriguez to put his protest into writing and it would be taken up by the Texas State Athletic Commission at a later hearing. But, at that point, Sulaiman left the room in a huff, throwing over his shoulder the deathless phrase, "No way is that official going to be changed."

At the subsequent meeting, lo and behold, the protest was turned down. And, in a later interview, Sulaiman, who always calls them as he sees them, told the reporter "There was no protest made."

Epilogue: Berumen was the official who scored the bout 145-145, the other two calling it for Sanchez.

ONE CHAMPION WHO IS HARDLY "ON THE ROCKS"

MICKEY WALKER, TONY CANzoneri, Jack Dempsey and Jim Corbett, to name just a few, have been

champions who have opened up their little corners on the world. Watering holes, to be more exact.

Now it's Smokin' Joe's turn. This November former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier opened up his own boxing corner in Philadelphia, appropriately called "Smokin' Joe's Corner." The waitresses wore short ring robes and there were styrofoam speed bags hanging over each booth.

But while dancing in the aisles will be allowed, no further action than hitting the speed bag is advised. Otherwise, you'll have to take it up with the owner.

". . .THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR. . ."

LONDON FIGHT FANS HAVE A proud tradition to uphold. Dating back to the second Ali-Henry Cooper fight—which was won by Ali, who stayed away from "Our 'Enery's" vaunted left 'ammer for five rounds and then opened up with his combinations in the sixth, which did likewise to Cooper's eyes—the English have often staged their own Battles of Britain after international fights.

After the Ali-Cooper bout, chauvinistically called "The Fight of the Century" by the usually low-key English, there were what Ali called "a few little title fights outside the ring." But they were worse. For immediately after referee George Smith took a look at Cooper's eye—gushing like a grotesque geyser—and called a halt to the proceedings, several groups of Teddy Boys jumped over benches and stormed the ring, screaming "Dirty nigger!" One of them climbed over the press seats and stepped on the hand of announcer Chris Schenkel as he was attempting to wrap up the fight. Schenkel, absorbed with his concluding remarks, swatted one heavy-booted interloper away with his right elbow. But the hoodlum was having none of this by-play and stepped heavily on Schenkel's left hand, cracking two of his knuckles.

Football player Jimmy Brown, in London for the filming of *The Dirty Dozen*, leapt onto the ring apron to provide some protection for Ali, but he wasn't foolhardy enough to go into the ring. Ali just looked out at the rebellious crowd, after being cuffed by one of those who made it into the ring, and said to Howard Cosell, who was in the ring doing the post-fight interview, "I thought it was just someone offering congratulations."

Now, some 14 years later, another Battle of Britain broke out among the supposedly civilized English boxing community, who must have mistaken the Hagler-Minter fight for a soccer game. This time, immediately after referee Carlos Berrocal took the bloody Minter back to his corner for a look-see, and his corner signaled "No Go", the ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggety beauties that go bump in the night opened up again. This time with half-filled cans of Watney's and Guiness, raining the ring, and the new middleweight champion—with their show of appreciation, an extension of their booing *The Star-Spangled Banner.*

Vito Antuofermo, seated at ringside as an announcer for Italian television, was hit on the head by one of the low-flying missiles. Turning around, he espied a burley Briton drawing his hand back to take aim at the back of the former champ. Quicker than you could say "counterpunch", Vito leveled him with a right and made off for the dressing room, convinced that his assailant had made off for help.

And what about Howard Cosell, the man who had experienced it 14 years before and who had constantly announced during the missile crisis that he was "trying to get Marvin Hagler over to our microphones" in a business-as-usual-during-altercations manner? What became of him? Howard was waiting out the bombardment under the ring, aware of why Hagler and Vito had both raced back to the dressing rooms.

BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER

WHO WAS THE ONLY HEAVYweight champion to win the title on his birthday?

Last Month's Trivia Question: What heavyweight champion won three consecutive title bouts in the first round?

Answer: There have been only thirteen one round knockouts in heavyweight championship bouts. Joe Louis has five of them including three in a row against Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis and Jack Roper in a total of 6 minutes and 53 seconds in 1938 and 1939.

A MINOR INCIDENT

BOB ARUM RECENTLY WANTED to bring an undefeated 17½-year-old boxer to Chicago to fight. But according to Frank Glienna, supervisor of boxing in Illinois, "state law prohibits a 17-year-old from fighting here."

Arum did not fret. He put the youth on a fight card in Totowa, New Jersey, where he won on a first-round knockout. It was his fourth straight first-round stoppage. The youth, by the way, is not your average 17-year-old. His name is Tony Ayala, Jr., and he is, despite his tender age, already among the best junior middleweights in the world.

The Illinois Commission should have made an exception with Ayala and let him fight in Chicago, which, for many years, has been known for its stockyards and slaughterhouses. In those meat plants, beef is marked "T.B." (Tender Beef), "P.B." (Prime Beef) and "A.B." (Aged Beef). While the Illinois Commission had probably thought all along that Ayala was a "tender" 17, little did they realize that he is really in his "prime."

HOT SPORTS FLASH

SACRAMENTO'S LOCAL CHANNEL 3 caught an x-rated shot of welterweight Pete Ranzany weighing in for his fight

with Sal Lopez. Ranzany had stripped down to his birthday suit to make the weight — as was plain for all to see!

SOME BAD BREAKS

ON AUGUST 22 PAST, A NATIONAL television audience saw Derrik Holmes outbox Wilfredo Gomez in the first round and stun him in the second. Then they saw Holmes fold up and hit the floor eight times before referee Joey Curtis stopped the fight at 2:39 of the fifth round.

Holmes had good reason to look as bad as he did after round two. That reason? He suffered a displaced compound fracture of the jaw.

According to Dr. Daniel Orr, the oral and maxillofacial surgeon who operated on Holmes, "the bones were protruding into Holmes' mouth. His upper left wisdom tooth was split right in half. If you followed that line of fracture it matched the one in his jaw. The tooth was split by the same punch that broke his jaw.

"Every time Gomez hit him, it was making pieces of tooth and bone fall into his mouth. It must have been like sticking your finger in a light socket."

Because nobody—not even Holmes' own corner—knew of the injury, the challenger was roundly booed each time he hit the canvas, one time without even taking a punch.

After watching the films of the fight, Dr. Orr said, "Just bouncing around displaced the fracture. I've seen people with a broken jaw after being hit just once and it hurt them so bad you couldn't touch them. If those fans had ever seen his mouth they would have admired Derrik's courage."

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BIG GEORGE FOREMAN, WHO now weighs 275 pounds, returned to action recently and picked up where he left off in March, 1977—with a loss. This time, however, the loss was not to a heavyweight, but to a junior flyweight. The loss occurred, not in a ring, but in an out-of-court settlement with a 105-pound West Indian woman named Erma Compton.

It was Ms. Compton's claim that on November 26, 1975, Foreman struck her while at a hotel in the Catskills. Being totally devoted to the Bible and the Ten Commandments — one of which is "Thou shalt not lie" — Foreman answered "yes" when asked if he did indeed strike Ms. Compton.

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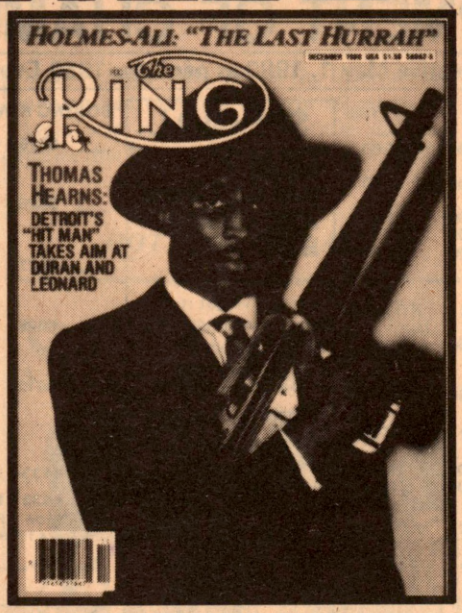

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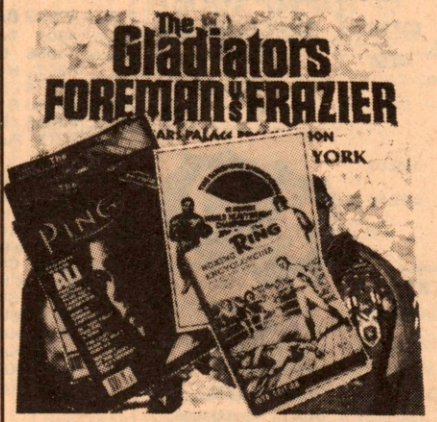

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Q On July 19, 1980, ABC-TV showed a replay of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran welterweight title fight. Mr. Howard Cosell, commentating, was aghast at the referee Carlos Padilla's performance. Apparently, Mr. Cosell was of the opinion that the referee should have separated the fighters even when Duran had his arms free and was punishing Leonard's midsection. It is my understanding that, as long as one of the fighters had his arms free while in a clinch and is punching, the referee should not interfere unless it is to halt the fight. Am I correct?

—TITO MONTILLA

A *Mr. Cosell was aghast you say. This corner is aghast at Mr. Cosell. You are correct. As long as a fighter has one arm free he is entitled to punch and the referee should not interfere.*

Q Have Sugar Ray Robinson and Rocky Graziano ever fought? Also, where are they and what are they doing now?

—KEN BOND

A *Robinson knocked out Graziano on April 16, 1952, in Chicago, in Rocky's attempt to regain the middleweight crown he lost to Tony Zale in 1948. Robbie is now living on the West Coast and working in the movie industry and Graziano lives in New York doing commercials for video and has several pizzerias in the area.*

Q Recently, you stated that Muhammad Ali was on the floor only four times — by Sonny Banks, Joe Frazier, Chuck Wepner and Henry Cooper. My friend says you are wrong that Doug Jones did it, not once, but twice in the same fight in Madison Square Garden. Could you be wrong?

—LESTER SHEER JR.

A *Anyone can be wrong, but, in this case, we're on target. Ali won a unanimous decision over Jones in Madison Square Garden in 1963. The fight had* no *knockdowns!*

Q Did Sugar Ray Leonard fight as a lightweight in the Olympics or as a pro?

—KENNETH WITHERSPOON

A *Leonard fought as a light welterweight but not as a lightweight. He is currently a welterweight.*

SWERS

Q Can you inform me as to when the first radio broadcast of boxing was made and who were the contestants?

—AL DESERIO

A *The first blow-by-blow of a fight heard on radio emanated from Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, N.J., July 2, 1921, and was that of a preliminary to Jack Dempsey's heavyweight title defense against Georges Carpentier. Packey O'Gatty and Frankie Burns were the contestants. The first fight* result *ever broadcast was the July 4, 1919 fight when Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard in three rounds at Toledo, Ohio.*

Q I am in the middle of a debate on the difference between a knockout and a technical knockout. Is there any?

—DONALD W. BRAKE

A *There is a marked difference . . . a TKO means that the referee halted the fight because of one of many possibilities; one of the fighters had a bad cut, was being badly outclassed and could be seriously injured, et al. On the other hand, a KO means that the fighter has been counted out (10 count) by the referee. Most record books consider TKO and KO as knockouts and so list them as KO's. For practical purposes, when a fight has been stopped one of the fighters has been "knocked out" of the fight.*

Q What does it mean when a writer states that a fight has been fought at "catchweights"?

—KIM ARONSON

A *When a contest is fought at "catchweights" it means that there is no stipulation as to the weight that either man must make at the pre-fight weigh-in. As an example, in a welterweight title fight the stipulation would be that both men must come in under 147 pounds at the weigh in. In a "catchweight" fight the contestants could weigh in with no limitations.*

Q Who was the first black man to win a world title?

—JOHN SHADE

A *George Dixon was the first, winning the bantamweight title in 1890, although he had claimed the title back in 1888. Dixon also became the first black man to win the featherweight bauble, which he accomplished in 1891. Dixon was known as "Little Chocolate" and was born on July 29, 1870, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He fought from 1886 to 1906, fighting 149 times and was elected to The Ring Boxing Hall Of Fame in 1956.*

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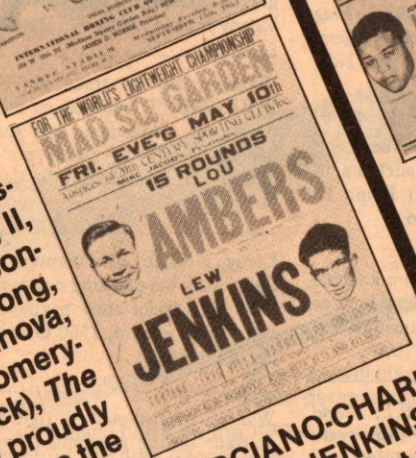

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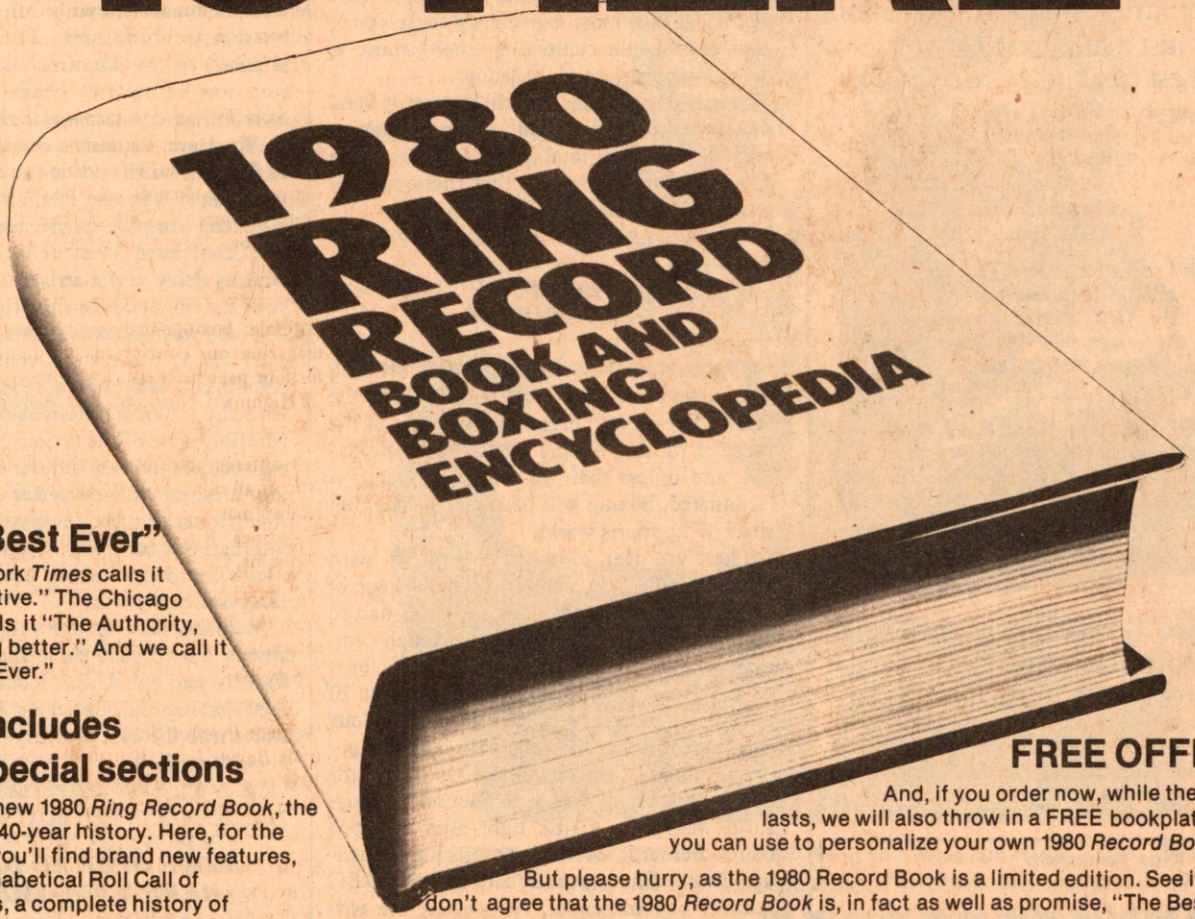

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UP THE SYSTEM

I APPRECIATED THE NIGEL COLLINS article, "The Philadelphia Death Squad." Although this situation has plagued professional boxing since the start of the promotional system, I did not realize it was so prevalent in the mid-Atlantic area.

I believe the reason this situation exists is the great scarcity of talent. No longer does a manager's charge have time to earn his fistic worth. With utmost expediency these young men must begin competing among those at the top money rung of the ladder.

In this day and age, anything over 15 (and sometimes less) "straight" winning performances is the sum total qualifying effort for a title shot. It would seem that these circumstances spawn these conditions.

HAROLD R. QUICK, LOS ANGELES, CA

WHAT COMES AFTER "WB"?— CONFUSION

THE TIME HAS COME FOR SOMEONE to do something about the WBC and the WBA. These two "organizations" are on the verge of turning boxing into a three-ring circus, and unless their 18-year dictatorship is terminated, boxing will become the laughing stock of the sports world.

There are over 25 world champions, with more to come, and a tremendous shortage of contenders. In the old days, a fighter had to battle his way through incredibly tough competition just to be ranked. Today, a clown with a glass jaw and no punch can beat 10 nobodies and receive a shot at a ridiculous title like the Super Flyweight championship.

Tsotumu Igarashi fought for the flyweight title with a 17-14-10 record. Saensak Muangsurin was given a title fight after two pro bouts. Bernardo Mercado stopped a washed-up Earnie Shavers and became the WBC number one contender. No wonder the old-timers laugh at boxing today.

PAUL TRIGS, WARWICK, R.I.

GREAT SCOT

A WORD OF PRAISE FOR REG GUTteridge's article on WBC World lightweight champion Jim Watt in the September issue of *Ring*. Jim has been an underrated fighter for too long and it's good to see him at last get the respect his talents deserve. The Scot is a credit to British boxing and a fine advertisement for the game in general.

RALPH OATES, ESSEX, ENGLAND

DENNY DEATH: ROUND TWO

AS SECRETARY-TREASURER OF BOTH the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation and the Nova Scotia Boxing Authority, I take strong issue with the statement you represent as fact in your "Ringside" editorial in the September issue. You are in the process of rapping commissions generally at the beginning and paragraph three ends "... a total absence of ringside physicians to attend the stricken fighter." This quote is in reference to the Cleveland Denny death in Montreal.

I was present at the June 20th fight in Montreal and witnessed the Denny fight. I was sitting in the first row of ringside, behind Jose Sulaiman and within the restricted commission technical area. The ringside doctor attached to the Montreal Athletic Commission was sitting two chairs away from Mr. Sulaiman and in fact was in the ring attending to Mr. Denny within seconds of Denny's fall to the canvas. In addition to that, an eminent neurologist was also in the ring very shortly after the ringside physician. Perhaps what you may have been referring to was the lengthy delay in the arrival of a stretcher, but your statement concerning the lack of doctors is totally without basis in fact.

As far as the rest of your article is concerned ... why not a federal commission, with the state commissions doing the administration? One of the serious problems in boxing today is the vast differences between boxing rules state to state and country to country. A single set of rules, the passport license, and international computer system and the opportunity for many boxing people to exchange ideas is the only way.

In conclusion, let me suggest that change always has to start somewhere. Why not in Canada and the U.S.? I don't mind in the least having our decisions lead the boxing world into the 21st Century, WBA and WBC notwithstanding.

K.R. WESTON, SECRETARY-TREASURER THE CANADIAN PRO BOXING FEDERATION

MOVE OVER BO DERRICK, HERE'S ANOTHER "10"

THESE ARE MY PICKS FOR THE TOP ten heavyweights of all-time, based on who would beat whom *at the peak of their respective primes.* (I emphasize the latter because you may think my picks somewhat odd, such as rating George Foreman higher than Joe Louis. While Louis had a greater career, and certainly is a boxing legend, I do not think a 195-200 pounder such as Louis could stand up to the power of a twenty-five year old, 230-pound George Foreman.) I am admittedly biased towards modern fighters, since most of them are bigger and train more scientifically.

Here, then, is my personal top ten:

1. Muhammad Ali (who else?)
2. George Foreman (huge and powerful)
3. Joe Frazier (powerful and unrelenting)
4. Joe Louis (best of his time)
5. Sonny Liston (underrated)
6. Larry Holmes (greatest of mediocre era and better than people think)
7. Rocky Marciano (best 185 pounder of all time)
8. Cleveland Williams (very underrated)
9. Max Baer (at his best, was great)
10. Earnie Shavers (most powerful next to Foreman)

You'll probably find it noteworthy that I excluded Jack Johnson and Dempsey. Johnson was good for his time; but the films I have seen show him to be very awkward. Dempsey was really only a large light heavy, who ducked the good black fighters of his era, and was a crude boxer.

I would like to have included Gene Tunney, but I think my number ten man, Earnie Shavers, would have killed him. Make Tunney number eleven. If the lists were divided into over 200 pounds and under 200, certainly names like Tunney, Charles, Walcott, Patterson, and, yes, Jack Dempsey would appear.

R.P. FISHER, SACRAMENTO, CA

FILM FAN WANTS TO THANK REEL FRIEND

THE NEW RING MAGAZINE IS THE finest publication of its kind, leading the way in reputable coverage and innovation. It also can bring its readers surprises. I know first hand. Several months ago I placed an ad in Ring's "Swap & Sell" to purchase used fight films. Last week I received an anonymous package from Syracuse containing eight reels of great Ali fight movies. My anonymous friend even paid the postage. I just want to say "Thank you" Syracuse; and "Thank you" Ring.

BRUCE KIELTY, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

DURAN SI, POLL NO!

THE ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER issue of the Ring about Roberto Duran was completely one-sided. The people polled were asked to select the top ten lightweights of all time, and talked only about how Duran would be killed if he were matched with some of the oldies. After Lou Gross, supposedly an expert, gave his list of all-time greats, he gratuitously added, "Duran would never be able to take their best punches." In my opinion the article was just criticism about the greatest fighter of the seventies. The man who dominated the lightweight division for six and a half years . . . Roberto Duran.

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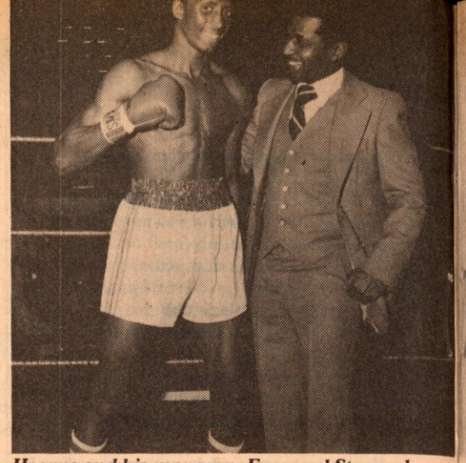
THOMAS
THE "HIT MAN"



Hearns and his manager, Emanuel Steward.

SEE THAT MAN ON THE COVER? THE sinister-looking guy in the pinstripe suit and the broad brim hat: Yeah, the one carrying the machine gun. Listen, Roberto, watch out for him. You too, Sugar Ray and senor Benitez!

His name is Thomas Hearns. But the people in the business call him the Detroit "Hit Man". With one quick shot he'll put your lights out, then sneak away and fade into the background.

You might never know what hit.

You might not know, that is, but the rest of the world probably will find out the next day when it is recorded in headlines on the sports pages of newpapers that Thomas Hearns knocked out another opponent. It's getting to be a regular habit for him to put the hit on challengers, stiffs and even champions.

They all fall when they meet this stringy welterweight from Detroit.

At 6 feet 2½, he towers over everybody in his weight class. And he rules at least half his kingdom. Hearns already owns the World Boxing Association's 147-pound championship, which he took away from Pipino Cuevas with a second-round knockout last Aug. 2.

Now he's after more—a lot more.

Hearns wants every championship from the welterweight ranks to the light heavyweight division.

And, in his more expansive moments, he even thinks about adding the heavyweight crown to his hit list.

For now he's hunting the rest of the welterweights. And they all look like quick, easy work for the soft-spoken Hit Man.

"I don't see anyone up there who can do anything with me," Hearns says quietly, relaxing on a couch in the Detroit home of Emanuel Steward, his manager and trainer, "I've looked at Wilfred Benitez, I've looked at Sugar Ray Leonard. And I've looked at Roberto Duran.

"I can't see none of them beating me.

"Anybody who steps in the ring—from the welterweights to the light heavyweights—doesn't have a chance."

Hearns' confidence borders on a sense of invincibility. And why not? There is nothing in his brief professional career—which has not quite spanned three years—to suggest that anybody can give the young champion who grew up on Detroit's east side anything tougher than the workouts he gets across town in the west side gym at Kronk Recreation where he trains.

Only two men have gone the scheduled distance with Hearns. The other 27 have been helped out of the ring with less sense than they took in.

The hit list even includes Pipino Cuevas. The former WBA champ had never been on the canvas before. But Hearns overwhelmed him to score a knockout in the second round to take the championship last Aug. 2 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Hearns set up Cuevas with a right that sent him reeling, then finished Cuevas with a crushing right to the temple that landed as Cuevas sagged to the canvas.

Cuevas beat the count of 10, but manager Lupe Sanchez jumped into the ring to stop the bout. It was clear that Cuevas could have been badly hurt if Hearns were turned loose on him. Cuevas collapsed and was dragged to his corner, legs dangling like a rag doll.

It was an awesome, but typical, display of power on Hearns' part. Many felt Cuevas would beat Hearns.

Two days before the fight, Cuevas had ripped the supports out of the wall as he tore into two speed bags with savage rights and lefts.

The display left Hearns totally unimpressed.

"I don't care how many bags he broke or what he tore down," Hearns scoffed. "My little brother can do that. It wouldn't be as easy to break me up as it would to break up a bag."

From the moment he stepped into the ring, the unimpressed Hearns challenged Cuevas. He shadow-boxed in Cuevas' face as the champion stood in his corner. Hearns flicked lefts and rights, rousing the crowd. He blew a kiss to a woman at ringside. And even went right to work when the bell sounded.

That's Hearns' style. He's the Hit Man in the ring; and a quiet, carefree kid who likes to roller skate, fish and play basketball when he isn't fighting.

He undergoes a transformation not unlike Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll when the bell rings.

Hearns laughed when he talked about his cover photo for *Ring*.

"I looked really tough," he said. "I looked like a gangster."

Some of Detroit's residents, most of them black leaders in the community, have urged him to shun the name "Hit Man". They think it adds to Detroit's image as Murder City; and image that has been softened in recent years.

Hearns once dropped the name to become "The Motor City Cobra". But the "Hit Man" fits. And he accepts it.

"Whether I like it or not, I've got to deal with it," he said. "Most of the public likes it."

He does his work in the style of a Hit Man.

Quick, Quiet. No fuss or muss.

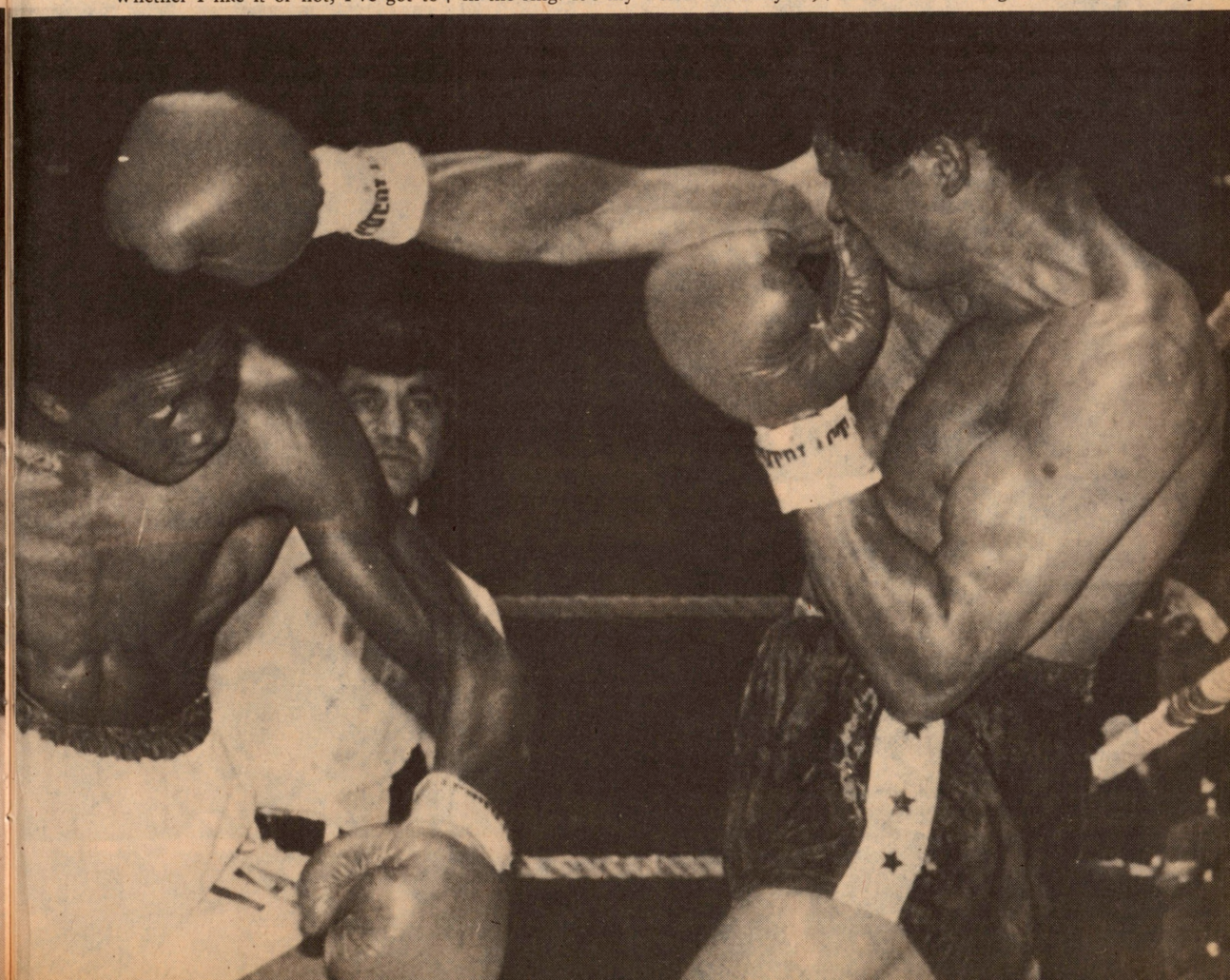
"He doesn't do any sloppy work," says Steward, the astute handler who plotted Hearns' rise since becoming his trainer as an amateur eight years ago.

"I believe in going in there, taking care of business and getting out as soon as possible," Hearns says. "I feel very confident in the ring. It's my world. I tell myself, 'Go ahead, it's all yours. Do whatever you want.' Outside the ring I'm not supposed to do anything to hurt anybody.

But in the ring, I do my job; what I'm paid to do. It's a totally different thing."

Totally different, indeed. In the ring, Hearns takes on a hard edge, becoming almost vicious. He shows little concern for his opponent's well-being.

"That's part of the game," he insists. "Get in there and do it to him before he does it to you. When the bell rings, my mind is on nothing but that man directly



Thomas ducks a right thrown by Innocencio de la Rosa, who was unable to answer the bell for round three.

HEARNS:
TAKES OUT A CONTRACT ON THREE CROWNS

By Mike O'Hara

in front of me.

"It's work. You've got to do your eight hours. Or it might be one or two minutes."

Or one clean shot.

Hearns has been indomitable in the welterweight division. So much so that his thoughts are of moving up to the other weight classes. He wants to win four championships—junior middleweight, middleweight and light heavyweight.

He already has one in the bag. Before he gets three more, there is some work ahead of him in the welterweight class.

There are three major threats to his welterweight crown. One of them owns the other half of the welterweight title—Roberto Duran, who is recognized as champion by the World Boxing Council. The two others are former WBC champions: Wilfred Benitez and Sugar Ray Leonard—who dethroned Benitez and lost to Duran.

None of the three worry Hearns. He is almost scornful of all three, especially Leonard.

Bad blood boils when Leonard's name is mentioned to Hearns. Early in his career, Hearns wanted to fight Leonard, who was a friend of his during their amateur days. But Leonard never gave him a match. That bothered Hearns. But he and Steward accepted the snub as business.

They were more incensed, however, by Leonard's remarks that he would destroy Hearns in the ring.

"You play this game and stay away from the roughest fighters," says Steward, who knows the game well. "But Leonard said he would physically destroy Tommy; destroy him spiritually, destroy his family and financially destroy his manager.

"It took him three days to rehearse his little speech, and only 30 seconds to say he'd finally sign his name to that contract."

That signing never came about. Now it is Hearns who is on top. And he has nothing but contempt for Leonard.

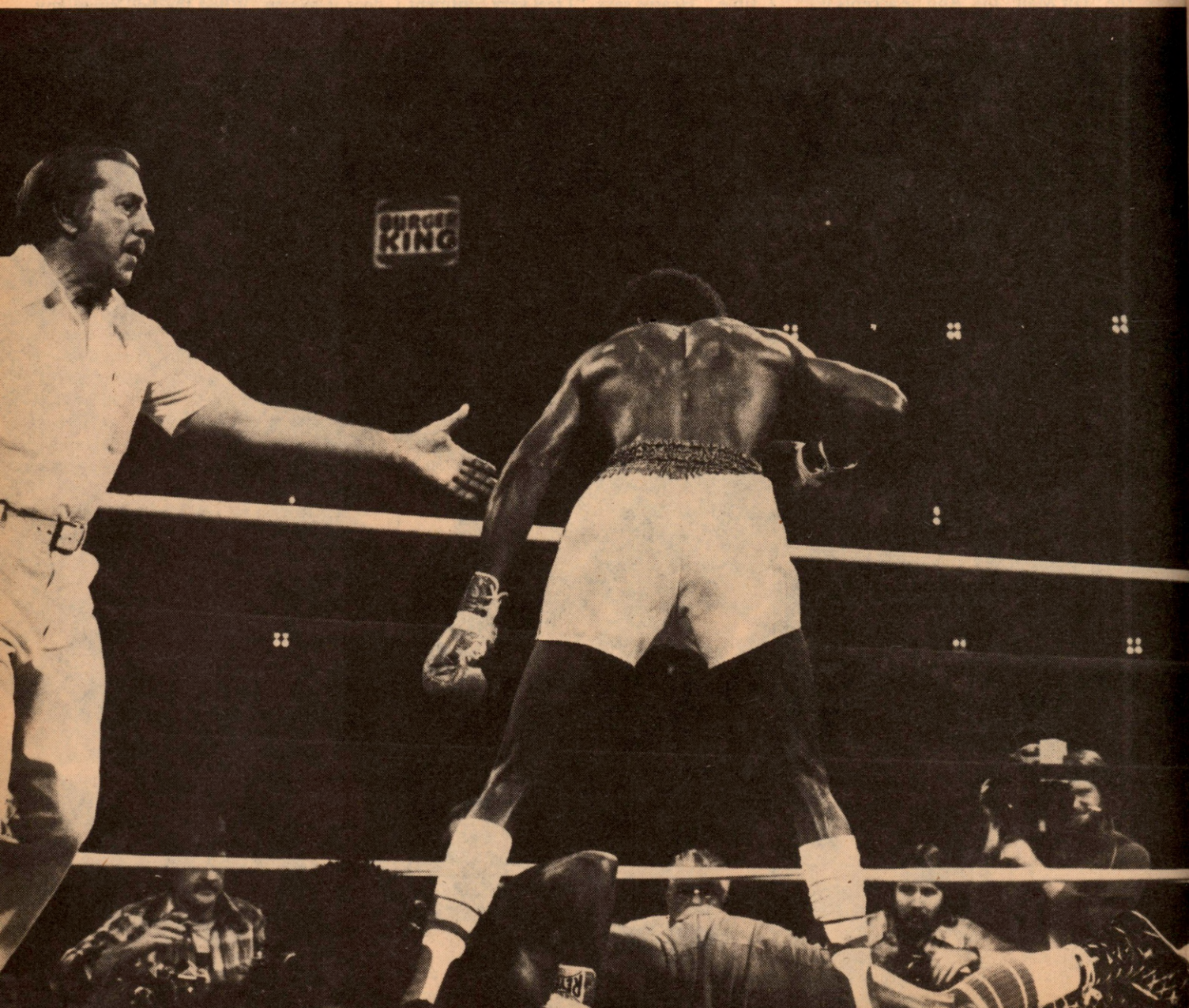
Asked what he thinks of Leonard, Hearns replies:

"Shit, I think nothing of him. He's scared. He doesn't have any heart for boxing. This isn't the game for Sugar Ray. He shouldn't be in a game with any physical contact. If there is, he's going to punk out.

"In fact, he might be a punk in a couple of years. They'll call him Sweet Sugar Ray. The sweetest boy on the block."

Hearns concedes that Leonard has boxing ability and quick hands. But he doesn't think he'd be able to use them in a match between the two.

"He has great boxing ability, but what good is all that when he's scared to use it?" Hearns asks.



Steward promises Leonard will take a beating if he ever meets Hearns in what would be the most attractive of the three bouts for Detroiters.

"Tommy might break Leonard in two," Steward says. "Inside six rounds, he'll be mentally destroyed. He'll find a whole new ballgame. He's going to be outboxed. Leonard does have quick hands. Leonard's a better puncher than a lot of people give him credit for.

"But when the shit comes down, Leonard's not going to be able to hold up. Tommy'll break his organs loose."

Benitez is somewhere between Leonard and Duran in the opinion of Hearns and Steward—lacking Leonard's quickness, Duran's constitution. And he doesn't have punching power.

"He'd be very easy for me to hit." Hearns says. "He has a few head moves, but only against the ropes. The basic thing would be to box him."

Benitez is taller than the other three, but Hearns prefers taller opponents.

"They're right there in my sights," Hearns says. "I don't have to punch down."

Duran is built along the lines of Cuevas. He's 5'7", more than a half foot shorter than Hearns. Hearns has respect for Duran as a fighter, but the tough inside style Duran used to bull Leonard in Montreal and win the title is inviting for Hearns.

"People think Duran's tough," Hearns says. "He's as tough as you want him to be. He'll find it tough to do anything with me. Duran might go easy as Cuevas.

"I love a fighter who comes in there. I've got something for all of them that run into me. There are so many things I can do with a guy who fights inside.

"When Duran comes, he comes to fight—without all that jive. I'd probably have a slight problem, but nothing I can't handle. He might have heart. But that can be taken away. And, I don't see any quickness. Everything he does is with a lunge."

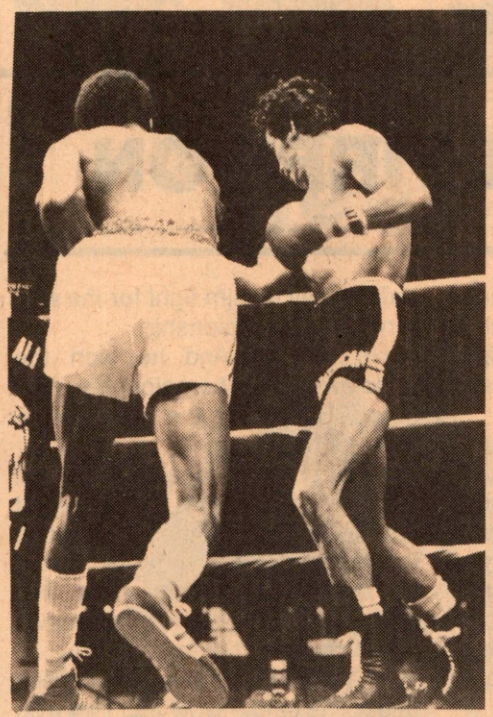
That would leave Duran open for one of the right hand leads Hearns used to whip Cuevas.

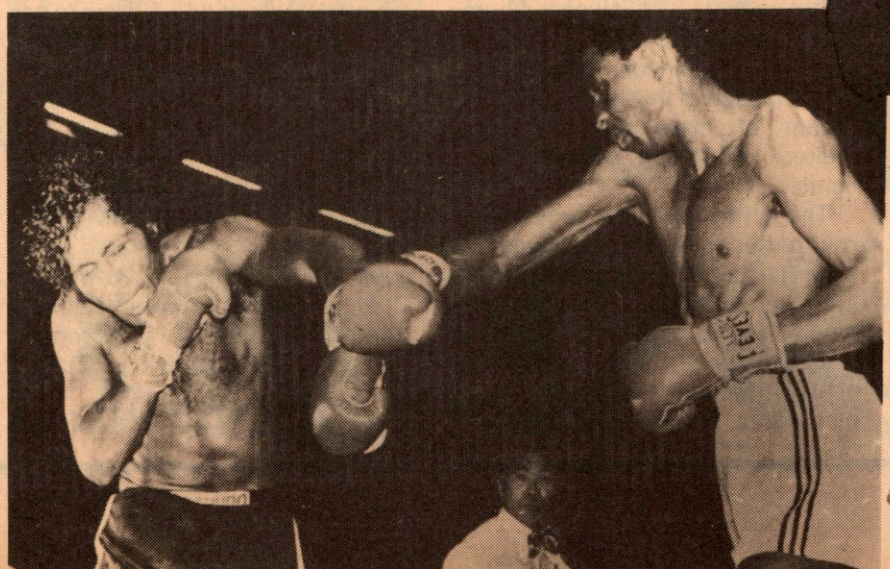
"It's possible you'd see a knockout in the first round," Steward says. "Tommy's jab will keep him at a distance.

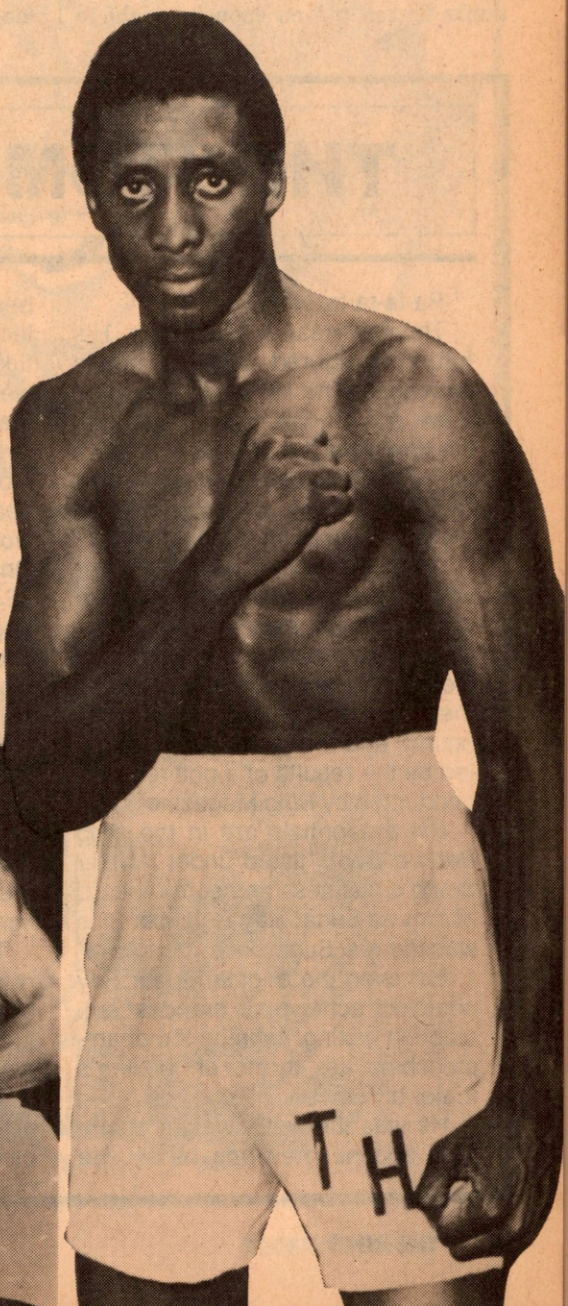
"If Tommy gets any of 'em hurt, the fight's over. There won't be any getting off the hook."

Nobody has gotten off lightly against Hearns.

He is part of the Kronk connection that Steward has built into what is on the verge of becoming a boxing dynasty. Steward, who has operated the public gym at Kronk for almost 10 years, has one other champion—lightweight Hilmer Kenty, the WBA's 135-pound champion.







Far left: Hearns stands over Mike Colbert. Thomas won this contest by unanimous decision.

Left: Hearns kayoes Jose Figueroa in Los Angeles on September 22, 1979.

Below: Segundo Murillo is on his way out in his bout with Thomas in Detroit. Hearns won this one when he knocked his man down three times in the eighth.

There are a number of other good, young fighters in Steward's stable: Mickey Goodwin and Caveman Lee have crept into the middleweight ratings.

But it is Hearns who is the star attraction. Especially in his own home town.

It was fitting that Hearns won his title in the arena named for Joe Louis, one of Detroit's most beloved heroes. Although he didn't celebrate his 22nd birthday until Oct. 18, Hearns already is getting some of the same hero worship as Louis.

There is a parallel in the careers of the two fighters. Both grew up on Detroit's east side and came out of the amateur ranks to become champions.

Maybe, just maybe, Hearns will follow all the way in Louis' footsteps and try to win a heavyweight championship.

Somewhere, in the back of his mind, he has thoughts of a fifth title.

Even though he doesn't have any trouble making the welterweight division's 147-pound weight limit, Hearns thinks he can put on enough weight to move to at least the light heavyweight class—and perhaps one step higher.

Steward foresees no trouble in beefing up Hearns to at least the size of a light heavy.

"He could fight in that division at 162 pounds; just inside the division," Steward claims.

From the wrist to the shoulders Hearns is heavily-muscled, possessing the physical build of a wide receiver in pro football. He has huge hands, wide shoulders and big biceps.

"I'm getting more mature," Hearns says. "My body's filling out. I'm feeling so strong, in a couple of years I might be able to knock out a few heavyweights.

"I have the height and the abilities. If things are right, I move to the heavyweights. I think I might start knocking out a couple of heavyweights . . . if things go right."

Hearns shifted his height on Steward's couch. He looked like anything but a cold blooded Hit Man. He wore a pair of jeans and basketball sneakers. A gold charm hung from his neck. It bore the word "Love".

But charms can be deceiving. There is a hard streak inside Thomas Hearns. There is a little bit of the man on the cover; the one in the gangster outfit carrying the weapon.

Bring on Duran, he says. Leonard and Benitez, too. And Hagler, Saad Muhammad—maybe even Holmes.

"I fear no one," Hearns said evenly. "I don't think there's any man better than I am. It's not easy for any man to come along and take from me. I'll do whatever it takes to keep what I have.

"I worked too hard for it. Now that I'm champ, I'm holding it until I retire from boxing. I'll be four-time champ—from welterweight to light heavyweight. Then I'll give it up. I hope to be out of a job when I'm 25; no older than 26.

"I'm getting very old. I can feel it in my blood."

Cold Blood. ■

THE "TOMMY" GUN FIRES ON

Ra-ta-ta-tat!

Thomas Hearns sees stars. His future is figured out and neatly packaged. The Hit Man is mowing them down—left, right, left, right. He came off the streets of Detroit with his fists clenched. And now those fists will punch until the dreams he dreams are achieved.

Once there was another boxer who had such grandiose dreams. Walker Smith also came off the streets of Detroit with his fists clenched. The fight mob called him the best there was, pound-for-pound, and the claim was supported by the results of a poll recently conducted by *Ring* Magazine.

His credentials are in the *Ring Record Book*, listed under Walker Smith's business name. You heard of him as Sugar Ray Robinson. He was the *real* Sugar Ray.

But even the original Sugar Ray could not achieve his grandest ambition in boxing: winning the championships in three of boxing's major divisions.

He was the welterweight champion and he grew too heavy. He became a middleweight and challenged Jake LaMotta and won the title. But the two championships were not enough for The Sugarman.

He yearned to win a third championship. He wanted to be light heavyweight champion of the world. And he almost succeeded. On a sweltering June night some 28 years ago in Yankee Stadium, Sugar Ray, with the swift thrusts and bursting punches, had Joey Maxim, the light heavyweight champ, clearly beaten.

But on that night, it was the humidity and the 103-degree heat that destroyed Robinson, not Maxim. He collapsed in the 14th round. His dream of three championships melted under the burning Kleig lights.

Thoughts of Ray Robinson return because he, too, was 21 once, just as Thomas Hearns, from the same neighborhood, is right now. At 21, Sugar Ray was fighting twice a month and belting out every opponent. But they were club fights, mostly, and he was 25 before they let him fight for the welterweight championship.

He won it. And he won the middleweight championship five times. But never the light heavyweight championship.

Now Thomas Hearns, The Hit Man, is the WBA welterweight champion. His punches are fired in the fashion of a Tommy Gun. And he sees those same stars that motivated Robinson as he mows down the other fighters.

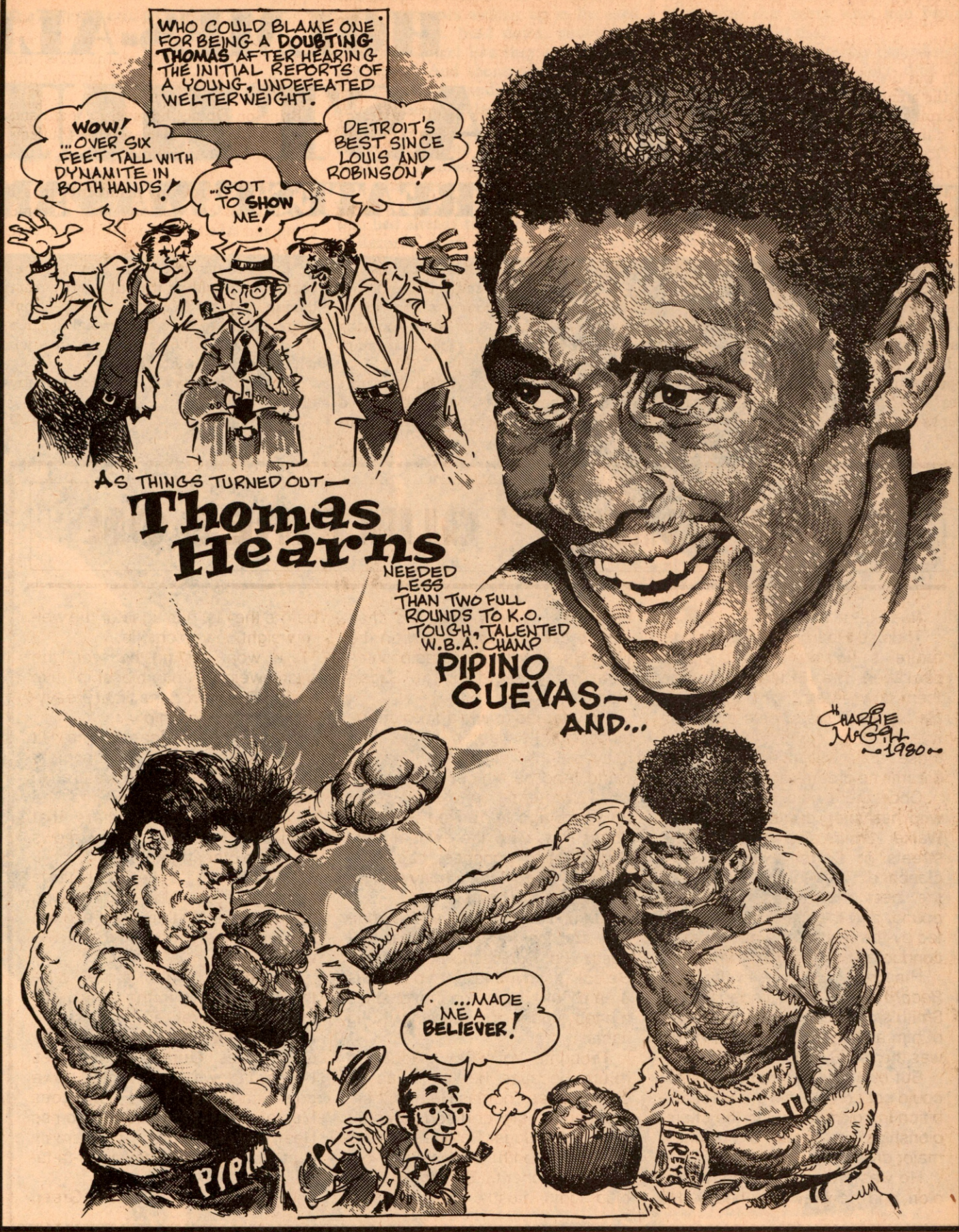
"As a boxer, I'd like to hold three titles," he said. "Now that I've won the welterweight title, I'd like to win the middleweight and light heavyweight titles.

"If I could hold all three I'd be the happiest guy in the world. And then I think I'd retire.

Ra-ta-ta-tat—down goes Benitez, down goes Duran, down goes Leonard, down goes Hagler, down goes Saad Muhammad, down goes Mustafa Muhammad. Thomas Hearns sees stars. The Tommy Gun mows them all down. Ra-ta-ta-tat.

Jerry Green

WIN, LOSE AND DRAW By CHARLIE McGILL



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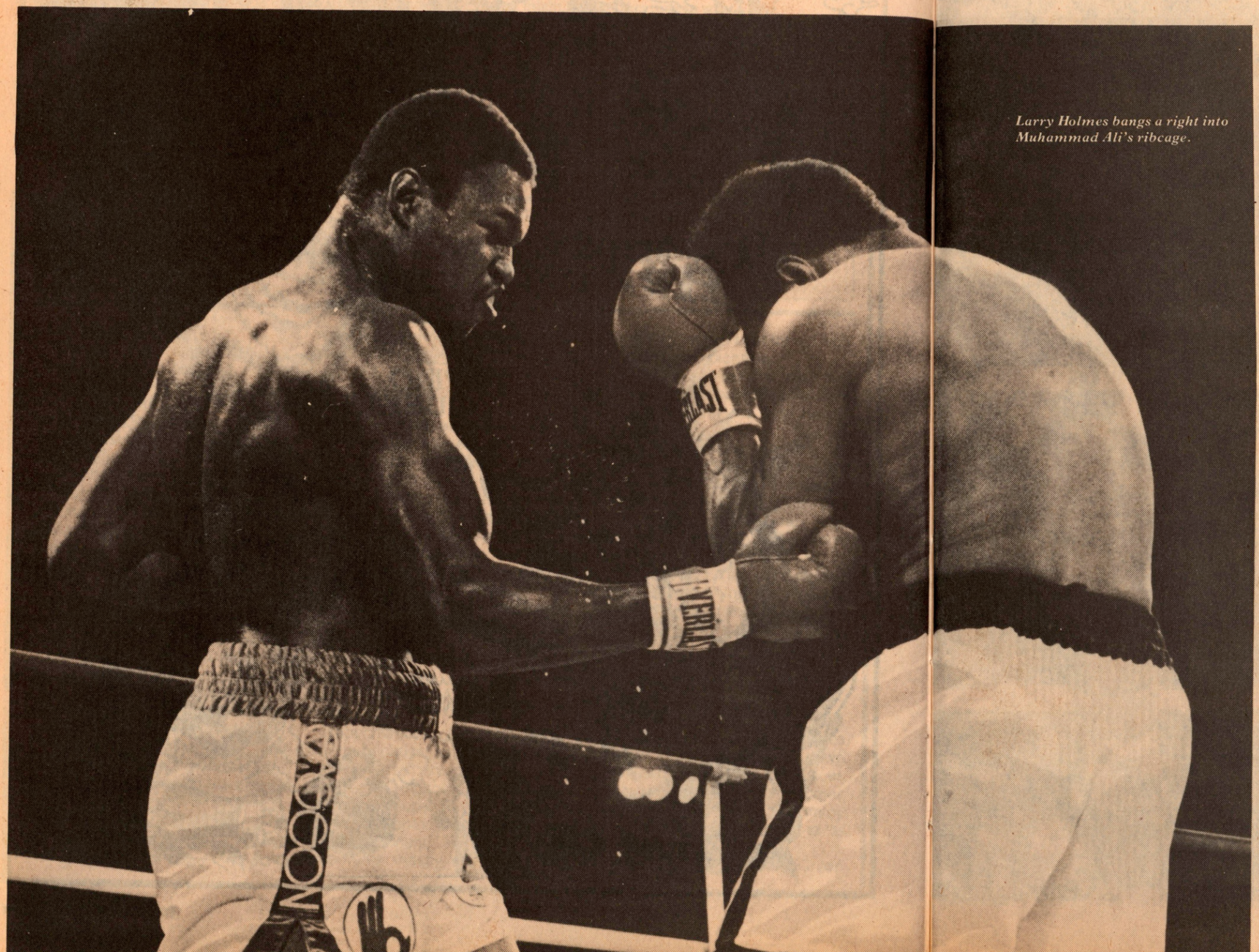


Larry Holmes bangs a right into Muhammad Ali's ribcage.

By Bert Randolph Sugar

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON SAT PARALYZED in his seat, tears welling up in his eyes. Scott LeDoux, head down, could only mumble, "I feel like they just shot my dog Spot." And thousands of others in the funereal surroundings of a parking lot outside Caesars Palace felt the same way. And worse. To them, it was as if both the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus had been destroyed. Muhammad Ali had lost.

In what was meant to be a religious revival for the Ali faithful, Muhammad Ali, who had already tied the Guinness Book of Records' mark for most miracles by a mortal—tying with Moses at two apiece—promised them yet another. And 24,790 made the pilgrimage to see the self-proclaimed "Greatest" do it again. But there was to be no "again." The clock had struck twelve. And Muhammad Ali, once the fastest afoot, the quickest of hands, had turned out to be a mere mortal. And an old, washed-up mortal at that.

His bag of tricks came up empty. The magic show was over. It was Carl Ballantine and Art Matrano "faking" it. He could no more come back than Houdini could come back from the dead after having told his followers he would.

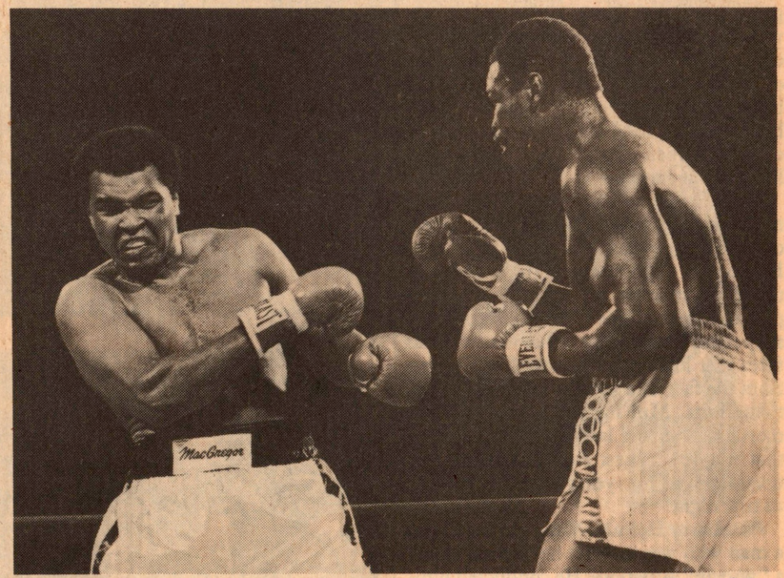
Sure, he conned us. But, then again, when hasn't he? And it wasn't his fault. We wouldn't have been conned if we didn't want to believe. And we wanted to believe. Desperately. We were in on the "sting" because we were part of it. And we made Ali a 6½-5½ underdog at the end. It should have been Ali +28 points.

The fight? There was no fight. It was a futile left jab that never jabbed. A cocked right that never uncocked. A mysterious battle plan that never went into battle. And a legend that died.

For outside of the foreplay immediately prior to the fight—the only time he looked like the Ali of old—the Muhammad Ali who showed up for "The Last Hurrah" was merely the ghost of Ali past. A younger, tougher and better Larry Holmes "whupped" him in every which way, even charitably holding back several times or "accidentally" missing so that he wouldn't hurt the spectre that once was Muhammad Ali standing directly in front of him.

Ali knew it was all over "after the first round." Some of the more faithful took additional time to come to the same conclusion; and even then, reluctantly. But it was painfully evident that "The man with the plan" had nothing. Larry Johnston, who had come all the way from Newark, New Jersey, left the arena after the second round. He couldn't stand it any more. "Ali put me through college," said Johnston, referring to the scores he had made betting Ali. "I grew up with him. I don't want to see him like this."

But see him they did. A pitiful hulk of a man who once was. By the end of the ninth round, when it was obvious he was defenseless, the referee, Richard Green, went over to his corner to inquire into his well-being. Ali and his manager, Herbert Muhammad, pleaded for just "one more round." And so, as the bell rang for Round Ten, a bone-weary Ali came to the center of the ring, his eyes staring down in abject depression, his arms lowered to



One of the many faces made by Ali in the course of the alleged contest. Some of the grimaces were voluntary. Many more were not.

his side, his glories seemingly a thousand years past.

The tenth was no different than any of the previous rounds as Holmes drove him to the ropes, battered his already sore body, raked his puffed eyes and prolonged the misery by holding back right hand shots to a by-now thoroughly unprotected midsection. The crowd was silent, as if at a wake, which is exactly what it was. Three more minutes of pure agony for Ali. And his faithful. And then the bell.

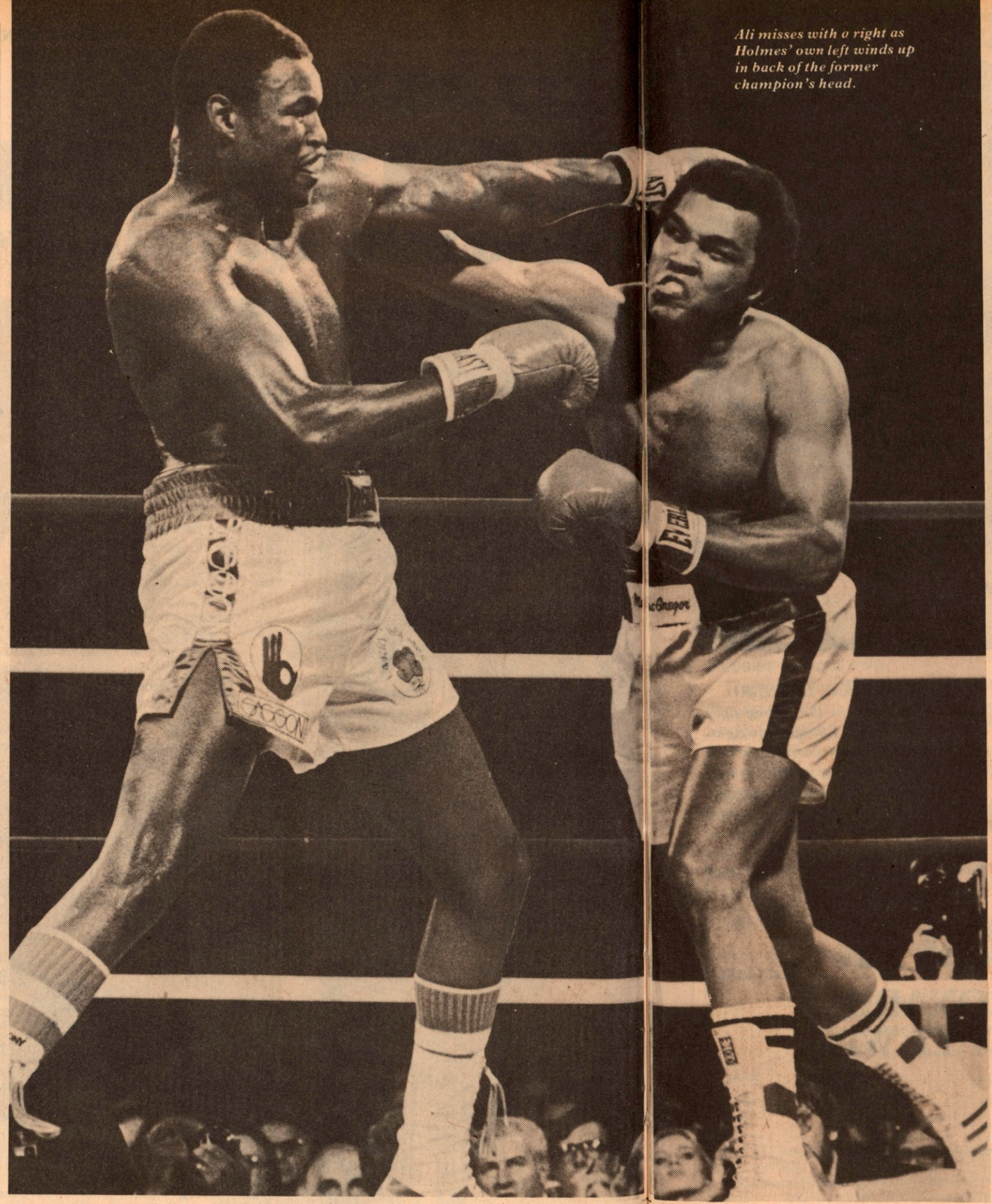
Green now hurried over to Ali's corner, concerned about the three-time champ's inability to defend himself. This time Angelo Dundee—the man who had pushed the then Cassius Clay off his stool fourteen years before in the sixth round of his fight with Sonny Liston when Clay had wanted to quit with a "This is your night"—wig-wagged his hands. This was *not* his night. But, suddenly, Bundini Brown, refusing to believe that the party was over, pushed at Dundee. While the push was coming to shove, the third man in the corner, Pat Patterson, looked down at Herbert Muhammad for confirmation. Having seen enough, Herbert gave the time-honored signal for "cutting", which Patterson communicated to Dundee and Dundee to Green. Muhammad Ali looked up at Angelo and, through swollen lips, muttered "Thank you."

And so the man who had won 56 of his 59 fights, had added the pelts of two seeming invincibles, Sonny Liston and George Foreman, to his belt and had given us many memories over the past two decades gave us one more: A defeated warrior sitting forlornly on his stool, going out with less a bang than a whimper. There would be no tintype in our mind's eye of his finish as there was of Louis being knocked through the ropes by Marciano or of Jeffries being beaten to his knees by Jack Johnson. Just a picture of another man grown old, a legend who had become mortal.

But Ali, unlike Louis and Jeffries, did not even try to return to his glorious days of yesteryear. That was the shame of it. His entire effort seemed to be concentrated on melting off some 40 pounds-plus change from his Pillsbury Doughboy shape and showing us some of the same faces that had once captivated us coming from the face of a youth. Outside of those two efforts, Muhammad Ali was a mere mortal in the ring last October 2nd. And that was his biggest sin. The hopes and dreams of all our years were taken from us that night.

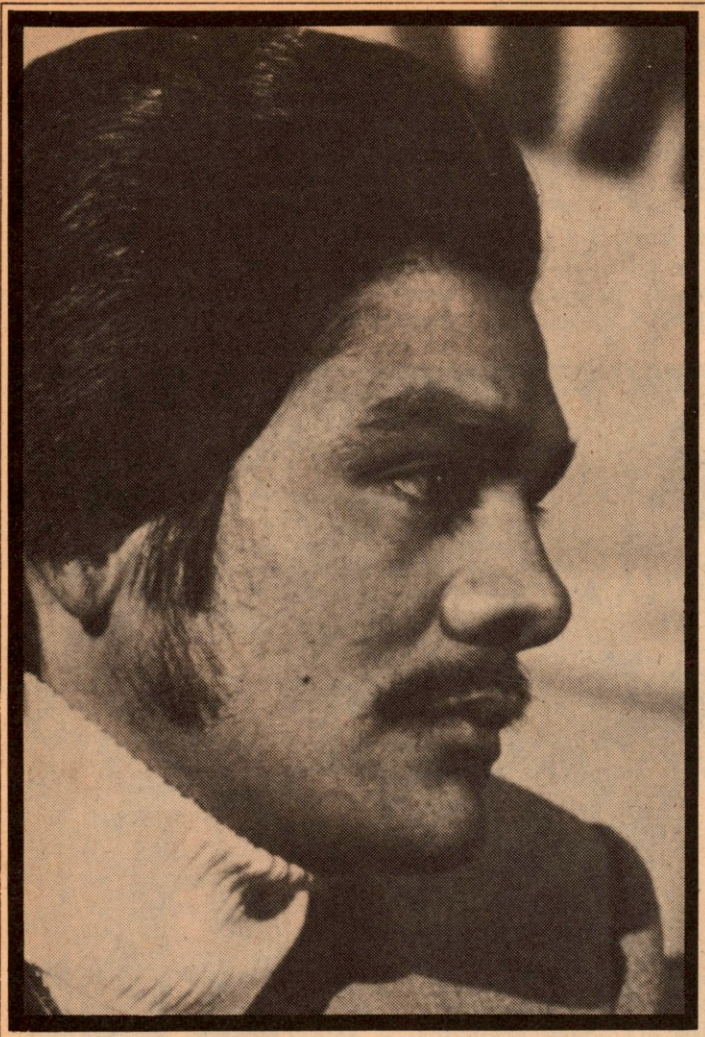
And Larry Holmes. What can be said of a man who was in what he himself called a "no-win" situation? He conducted himself—both as a man and as a boxer—as a champion. Holmes eschewed going to the body when going to the body might mean permanently hurting the man he, along with everyone else, idolized. He refused to degrade the man he had beaten afterwards, offering up an olive branch to "my brother, a great man." Larry Holmes was the only real winner on that October evening in a parking lot in Vegas. A man who invests boxing with a dignity it sometimes doesn't deserve, he deserves better than he has received.

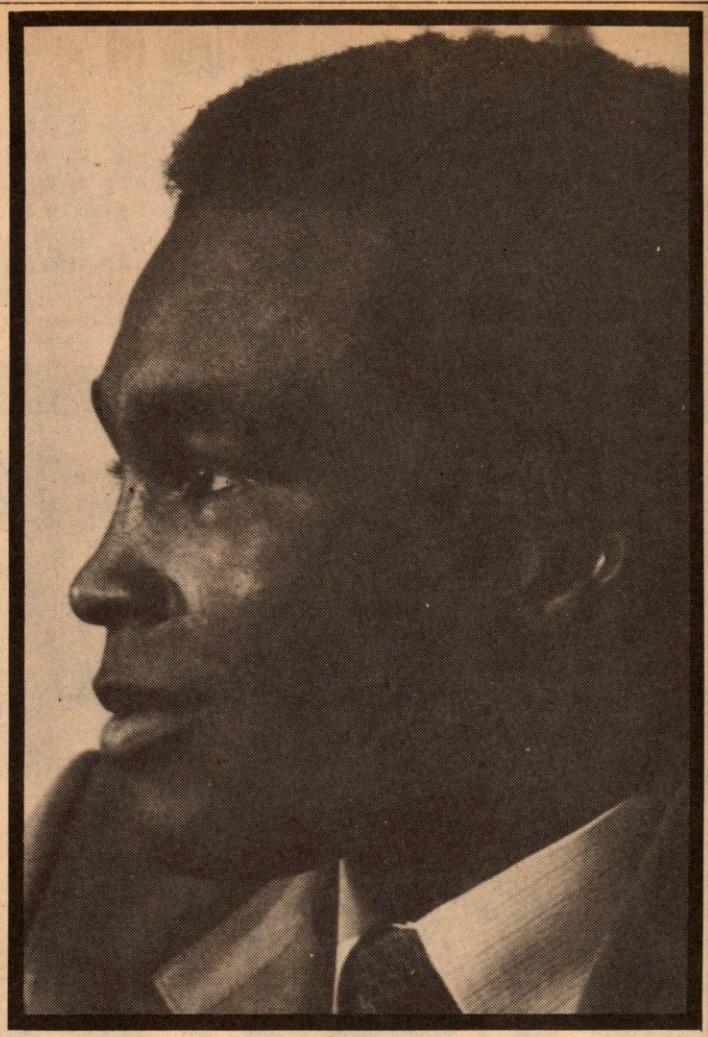
This man can do it all. He now has eight straight knockouts in defense of his crown, tying Tommy Burns' all-time record. ("I'm gonna make Tommy Burns famous," he was to say before the bout.) He has done all that has been asked of him. And more. And he has done it better. It is his misfortune to come after the man who won the hearts of boxing fans everywhere. ■



Ali misses with a right as Holmes' own left winds up in back of the former champion's head.

(Above) Muhammad thought he could "rope-a-dope" it against Larry. (Below) He found out that he couldn't.





DURAN-LEONARD II:

DURAN AND LEONARD TELL HOW THEY'LL WIN

By Roberto Duran

It is hard for me to say just how I plan to beat Leonard. That is because I have no one special fight plan. I know I can handle anything he tries to do. If he runs from me, I'll go right after him. If he boxes me, I'll box right along with him, plus give him a few surprises of my own. If he comes right to me, great. I can box, I can slug, I can change my tactics at any time. Besides, I have more heart than he does. What little heart he does have I intend to take from him. I do not see any way he can beat me. By winning the first fight, I beat not only Leonard, but I beat American publicity, as well. I will do the same on November 25th. Anything he can do, I can do better.

By Sugar Ray Leonard

They say I fought the wrong fight in Montreal...that I fought his fight. But I fought my fight and proved it in the closing rounds, by beating him to the punch...and beating him, period.

This time I'll start earlier and prove I can beat him. He's a great champion and it will take a great fight to beat him. But I will. And fighting my fight.

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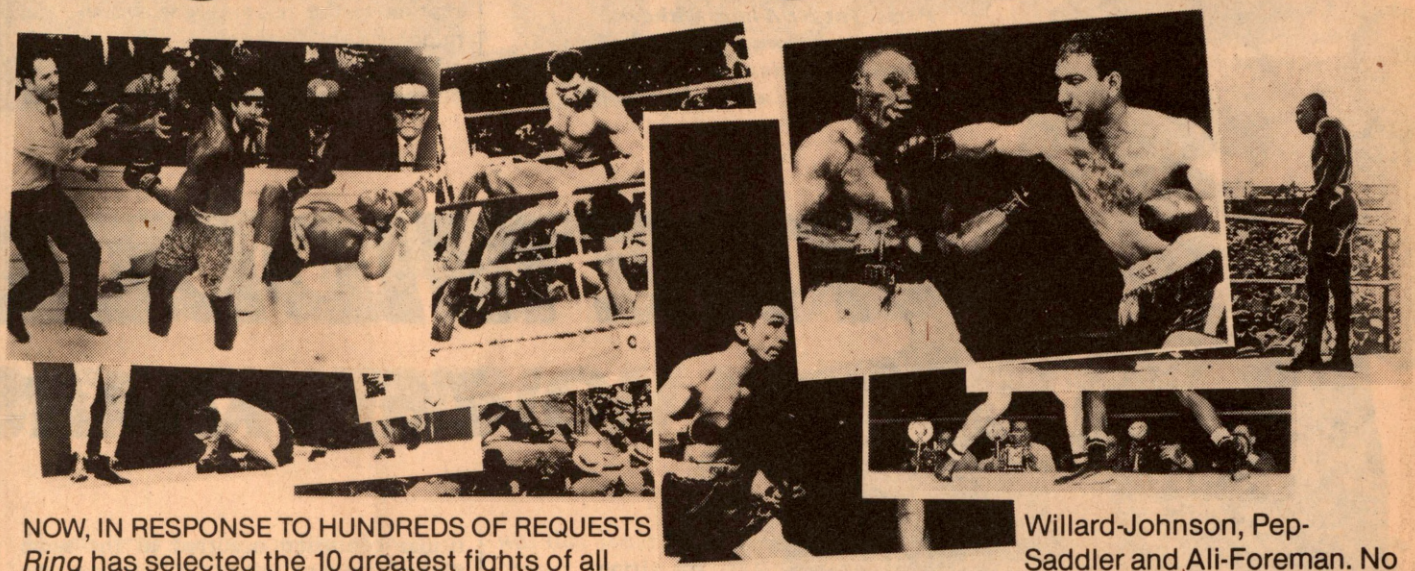

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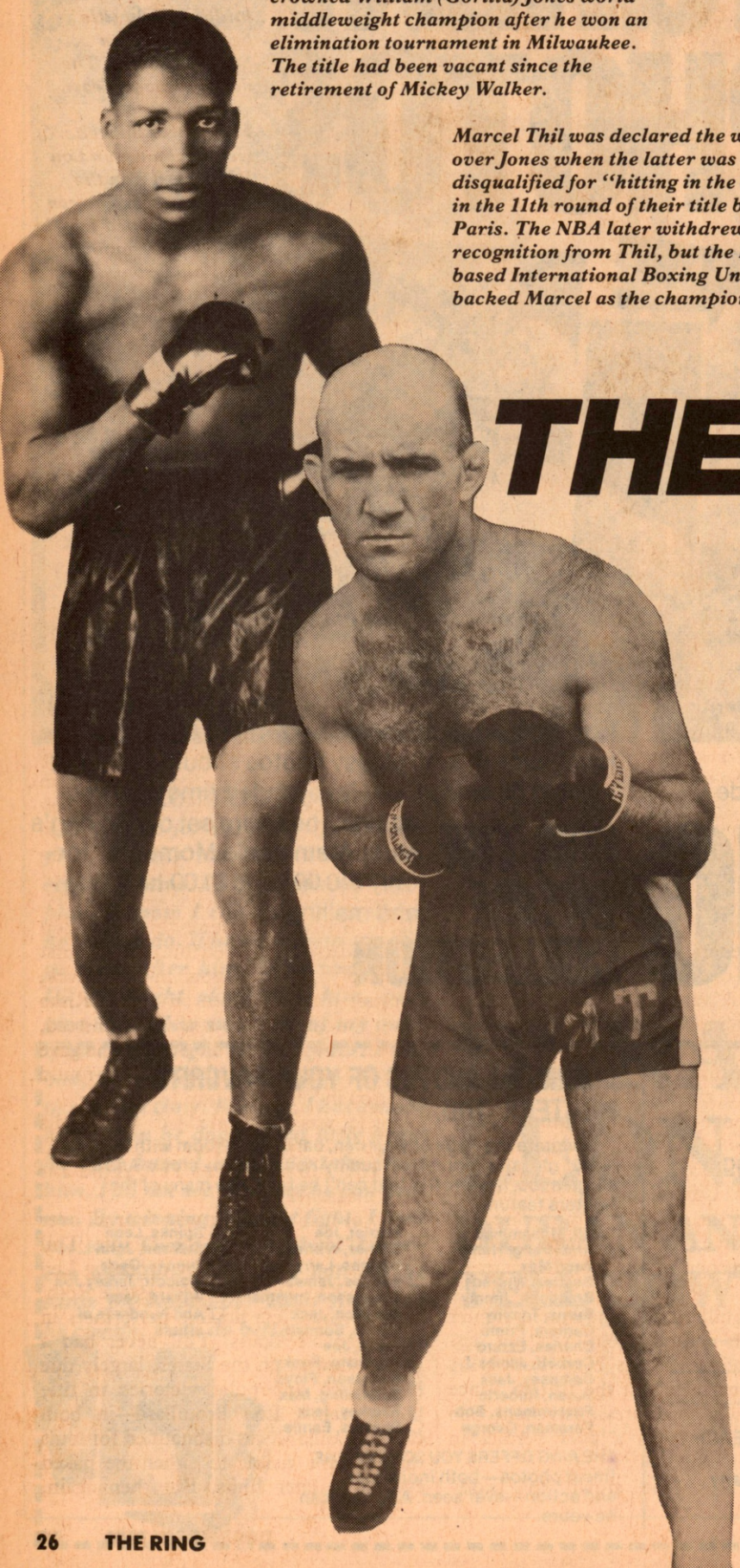
THE MIDDLE TEN YEARS

BOXING HAS ENTERED THE 1980'S WITH a terminal case of titular confusion, a malady brought on by the conflicting self-interests of the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council, two organizations which accomplish about as much good for boxing as Hitler and Stalin did for Europe during the 1930's. And just as the Nazi-Soviet Pact of 1939 divided up eastern Europe between the two powers, the two powers-that-be in boxing—the WBA and the WBC—have made it a practice to split the world's Championships in two. The only exception to the reigning chaos being the middleweight division.

But split titles are nothing new to boxing. Ironically, the worst case of titular confusion occurred in the same division that today is united—the middleweight division. From June 19, 1931 until November 28, 1941, the middleweight division had no universally recognized champion—a period of ten years, five months and nine days. In effect, it was the muddleweight division.

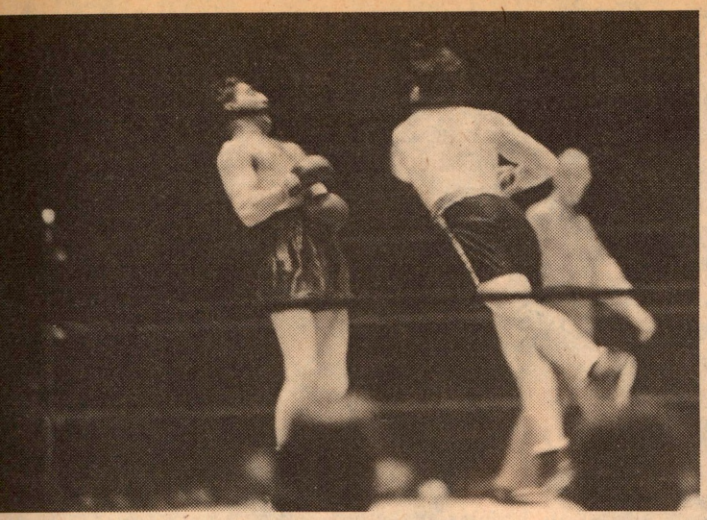
It all began with Mickey Walker's decision to vacate the championship. He had won the title back in 1926, winning a 10-round decision from Tiger Flowers, but hadn't defended his crown since 1929, when he beat Ace Hudkins for the second time in 10 rounds. In 1931 Walker was under suspension in New York for not having had a title bout in two years. And, when he approached James A. Farley—then head of the New York State Athletic Commission—to ask permission to fight Jack Sharkey for the New York version of the world heavyweight title, Farley said "No" unless Walker gave up his middleweight crown first. Walker complied, and on June 19th—three days before the Sharkey fight (which ended in a 15-round draw)—the middleweight title was declared vacant.

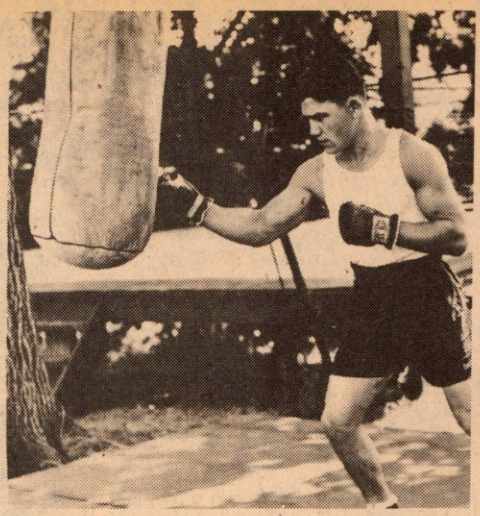
With the title up for grabs, a number of aspirants emerged from the ranks of the contenders. One of them was William (Gorilla) Jones, a solid puncher from Memphis who was then fighting out of



The National Boxing Association crowned William (Gorilla) Jones world middleweight champion after he won an elimination tournament in Milwaukee. The title had been vacant since the retirement of Mickey Walker.

Marcel Thil was declared the winner over Jones when the latter was disqualified for "hitting in the clinches" in the 11th round of their title bout in Paris. The NBA later withdrew recognition from Thil, but the French-based International Boxing Union still backed Marcel as the champion.





Ben Jeby, left, and Vince Dundee in their NBA-New York world middleweight title fight in Madison Square Garden. The decision was a draw.

Former world welterweight champion Lou Brouillard won the NBA-New York crown when he kayoed Jeby in the seventh round at the Polo Grounds on August 9, 1933.

WEIGHT MUDDLE— OF CONFUSION

By Steven R. Nicholaisen

Akron. Jones became the first of many to gain partial title recognition when he won a 10-round decision over Oddone Piazzo in the finals of an elimination tournament sanctioned by the National Boxing Association. On June 11, 1932, he was disqualified in the 11th round of a title bout with Marcel Thil in Paris for "hitting in the clinches." Thil thus became World Middleweight Champion in the eyes of the NBA and the International Boxing Union of Europe. But not in New York, where the title was still vacant.

At this time, Ben Jeby was petitioning the New York State Athletic Comission for world title recognition because of his victories over Len Harvey and Ignacio Ara. The Commission gave serious consideration to his petition when the counter-punching Jeby trounced Chick Devlin in St. Nicholas Arena on November 21, 1932. A bout for the "vacant world middleweight title" between Jeby and Frank Battaglia in Madison Square Garden was sanctioned by New York. Jeby was proclaimed as champ when he stopped Battaglia in the 12th round.

The National Boxing Association had become disenchanted with Thil due to his refusal to give Jones a return bout. The NBA sanctioned a bout between Gorilla and Sammy Slaughter for the "American middleweight" title in Cleveland on January 30. The unspoken understanding was that Jones would be declared world champ shortly after, when the NBA stripped Thil.

The NBA was put in a slightly embarrassing situation when Jones and Jeby, the New York world champ, engaged in a particularly odious over-the-weight bout in Cleveland on April 19 that was declared "no contest" after six rounds. The Cleveland commission suspended both fighters for a year and petitioned the Ohio Boxing Federation—then a member of the NBA—to do likewise.

The NBA wanted to get rid of Thil, but was uncertain, at that point, of how to. Or who to recognize as champion. The problem was resolved when Jeby lost his New York world crown to Lou Brouillard, a tough French-Canadian southpaw who had already held the world welter title, on August 9, 1933. The NBA joined the New York Commission in proclaiming Brouillard the world champ, deserting Marcel Thil. The Frenchman, however, was still recognized as world champ by the IBU.

Lou Brouillard, an underrated fighter with much natural talent, was not destined to reign long as New York-NBA world champ. He lost the title to Vince Dundee—who had previously held Ben Jeby to a draw—on a poor verdict in Boston on October 30, 1933.

Dundee lost the crown to Teddy Yarosz, who had beaten him twice before, in Pittsburgh on September 11, 1934. Yarosz, plagued by leg problems, was stopped in seven rounds by Eddie (Babe) Risko—who scored only seven kayoes in his entire career—in a non-title bout on New Year's Day, 1935, and lost a 15-round title bout to him in Pittsburgh on September 19 of that year. Risko showed his mediocrity on December 20, 1935, when British middleweight champion Jock McAvoy flattened him in the first round of a non-title bout in New York, flooring him six times en route. Risko never fought McAvoy again, but, instead, lost his crown to Freddie Steele, who gave Babe a battering in winning a 15-round decision in Seattle on July 11, 1936.

Steele was acknowledged as world's champ *only* by New York and the NBA. The IBU still recognized Thil, as did *The Ring* magazine.

Shy of hair atop, but with hair all over the rest of his body, the hirsute Thil added luster to his title by defeating Len Harvey, Kid Tunero, and Gustave Roth, among other, less notable performers in championship bouts. Thil never had a large following in the States, largely due to his two unpopular victories in title bouts against Lou Brouillard—in both cases Brouillard was disqualified for fouls that weren't visible to either the naked eye or in later films. But then again,

weird decisions rendered in European rings were nothing new to boxing.

Thil fought Fred Apostoli on the Mike Jacobs-promoted Carnival of Champions at the Polo Grounds in New York on September 23, 1937. The New York Commission, like the NBA, recognized Freddie Steele as the champion, so John J. Phelan, head of the New York Commission, refused to sanction the Thil-Apostoli contest as a title fight. Apostoli gave Thil a beating, stopping him in the 10th round, but was only recognized as champ in Europe.

With the middleweight muddle looking like a Marx Brothers' stateroom scene, Steele was rapidly gaining recognition as the leading candidate for the undisputed title. A classic boxer and crisp combination puncher with an excellent record, he came to be regarded as the best in the division at that time. Then, Steele began to fall apart, largely due to the death of his manager. The New York Commission was ready to match Steele with Apostoli for the (undisputed) world title, but Steele would only consent to meet Apostoli in New York on an over-the-weight, non-title, basis. This he did, and Apostoli stopped him in nine rounds on January 7, 1938, with nothing in the nature of title unification achieved.

The New York Commission then stripped Steele of its title recognition and agreed to dub the winner of an Apostoli-Young Corbett bout on November 18, 1938 as its new world champ. Apostoli won and was crowned as champion by Commissioner Phelan.

Steele continued as NBA champion despite his knockout by Apostoli, but made the mistake of stepping into the ring with a vicious puncher named Al Hostak, who bombed Steele out in one round in Seattle on July 26, 1938, thus winning the NBA title. Hostak lost it to another battler, Solly Krieger, in 15 rounds on November 1st of that year, but regained the title by knocking out Krieger in four rounds on June 27, 1939, both fights being held in Seattle.

In the meantime, Apostoli was solidifying his title claim. He not only held a knockout victory over Krieger, but also three victories over Glen Lee. So, when he signed to defend his slice of the crown against Ceferino Garcia on October 2, 1939, Apostoli went in as a big favorite. Garcia, a crude, wild-swinging Filipino who had lost two welterweight title bouts to Barney Ross and Henry Armstrong, was taken lightly by Apostoli. Too lightly. Garcia floored Apostoli repeatedly before knocking him out in the seventh round to win the New York title.

Garcia was strictly a slugger, with few boxing skills. He knocked out Glen Lee in his first defense, but in his next bout took a beating from Henry Armstrong for 10 rounds, only to keep his title on a disputed draw decision; had Armstrong been declared the winner (and many at ringside thought he had won), it would have been his fourth—even if only partially recognized—championship. Garcia lost the title on May 23, 1940, to Ken Overlin in 15 rounds in New York. Overlin, a clever veteran, couldn't break an egg, but he had Garcia missing throughout their bout. Overlin twice decisioned Steve Belloise, getting off the deck from a near-knockout in the fifth round of their first meeting, but subsequently was outpointed by Billy Soose—a long lanky fighter in the mold of Thomas Hearns.

Like Overlin, Hostak was also having his problems. In January of 1940 he had taken on Tony Zale in a non-title bout in Chicago and Zale, who had once worked in the steel mills of the native Gary, Indiana, came away with a 10-round decision. A title fight between the two was a natural, and they were matched for July 19th in Seattle. As tough and durable as Hostak was, Zale was even more so, and it ended up as a punchers' brawl, with Zale the winner and new NBA champion by virtue of a 13th round knockout. Matched a third time in Chicago on May 28, 1941, Hostak floored Zale in the first round but was coldcocked himself in the second.

With the public clamoring for an undisputed middleweight champion—after all, wasn't ten years of confusion enough?—negotiations began for a Zale-Soose fight. Not only was it the classic match-up of boxer versus puncher, but Sosse had taken a close 10-round decision from Zale on August 21, 1940, before Soose had beaten Overlin. Then, out of the blue, Soose—claiming it was "too painful" for him to make the 160-pound middleweight limit any longer—announced that he was giving up the New York title he had won from Overlin without a single defense.

With Soose voluntarily out of the title picture, Georgie Abrams became the most likely opponent to face Zale. Abrams was an exceptional boxer-puncher. The Washington, D.C. native had an outstanding record, capped by three victories over Soose. Both the National Boxing Association and the New York State Athletic Commission approved the match-up, sanctioning it as a "World's Title" bout, to be held November 28, 1941 in Madison Square Garden.

Abrams went into the fight as the 7-5 favorite, largely because of his wins over Soose. Also, he was considered by many of the so-called "experts" as the better boxer of the two, a possible determining factor if the bout went the 15-round distance. And, like Zale, he packed a wallop in either hand.

The opinions of the oddsmakers and experts seemed to be justified when, after an even two minutes of the opening round, Abrams caught Zale coming in and floored him for a count of nine with a hard right to the jaw. From the second round to the finish, however, it was nearly all Zale. Constantly the aggressor, the "Man of Steel" never gave Abrams a moment's respits, alternating a bruising body attack with solid shots to the head. Abrams shook Zale with another right in the closing seconds of the eighth round. But it was his last hurrah. From the ninth 'til the end of the fight, Abrams was in there strictly to last the distance. Zale gave him a vicious beating in the closing rounds, but Abrams somehow managed to stay on his feet until the final bell.

The decision, as expected, was unanimous for Zale—the general consensus being that he had won eleven rounds, Abrams three, with one even—making him the winner, and more importantly, the undisputed Middleweight Champion of the World, the first since Mickey Walker had vacated the title more than ten years earlier.

But there would be little time for Zale to glory in his newly-won laurels. Nine days later, on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed. Like so many other prominent athletes, Zale enlisted in the Armed Forces, and any further bouts for the former muddleweight title—now consolidated under Zale as the middleweight title—had to wait for the duration of World War II. It would be nearly five years—September 27, 1946, to be exact—before the world would see another middleweight title bout, when Tony Zale would have the first of his three memorable encounters with a dynamite-hurling young brawler from Brooklyn named Rocky Graziano. . .

. . .But that's another story for another time. ■

Ken Overlin, left, won a unanimous decision over Ceferino Garcia of the Philippines to win the title on May 23, 1940.

Date	Winner	Weight	Loser	Weight	Result	Time KO	Site	Referee
7/30/84	**Jack DEMPSEY**	140	**George FULLJAMES**	156	KO 22		Great Kills, Staten Island, N.Y.	E.F. Mallahan
2/03/86	**Jack DEMPSEY**		**Jack FOGARTY**		KO 27		New York City, New York	
3/04/86	**Jack DEMPSEY**		**George LaBLANCHE**		KO 13		Larchmont, New York	
12/13/87	**Jack DEMPSEY**		**Johnny REAGAN**		TKO 45		Manhasset, Long Island, New York	Frank Stevenson
2/18/90	**Jack DEMPSEY**	147½	**Aus. Billy McCARTHY**	152½	TKO 28		California A.C., San Francisco	Hiram Cook
1/14/91	**Bob FITZSIMMONS**	150½	**Jack DEMPSEY**	147½	KO 13		Olympic Club, New Orleans, La.	Alex. Brewster
9/26/94	**Bob FITZSIMMONS**	156	**Dan CREEDON**	157	KO 2	1:40	Olympic Club, New Orleans, La.	Prof. John Duffy
12/17/97	**Charles (Kid) McCOY**		**Dan CREEDON**		TKO 16		Long Island City A.C., L.I.C.	
10/24/98	**Tommy RYAN**	149	**Jack BONNER**	158	ref 20		Greater New York A.C., Brooklyn	Alexander Brown
9/18/99	**Tommy RYAN**		**Frank CRAIG**		TKO 10		Greater New York A.C., Brooklyn	George Siler
3/04/01	**Tommy RYAN**		**Tommy WEST**		TKO 17		Southern A.C., Louisville, Ky.	Tim Hurst
9/15/02	**Tommy RYAN**		**Kid CARTER**		KO 6		International A.C., Fort Erie	George Siler
9/02/07	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Joe THOMAS**		KO 32		Mission Street Arena, Colma, Cal.	Billy Roche
2/22/08	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Mike (Twin) SULLIVAN**		KO 1	1:18	Mission Street Arena, Colma, Cal.	Billy Roche
5/09/08	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Jack (Twin) SULLIVAN**		KO 20		Mission Street Arena, Colma, Cal.	Billy Roche
6/04/08	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Billy PAPKE**		ref 10		Hippodrome, Milwaukee, Wisc.	Jack McGuigan
7/31/08	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Hugo KELLY**		KO 3		Coliseum, San Francisco, Calif.	Jack Welsh
8/18/08	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Joe THOMAS**		KO 2		Coliseum, San Francisco, Calif.	Ed. W. Smith
9/07/08	**Billy PAPKE**		**Stanley KETCHEL**		TKO 12		Arena, Vernon, California	James J. Jeffries
11/26/08	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Billy PAPKE**		KO 11		Mission Street Arena, Colma, Cal.	Jack Welsh
3/26/09	**Stanley KETCHEL**	160	**Phila. Jack O'BRIEN**	160	ND 10		National A.C., New York, N.Y.	Tim Hurst
6/02/09	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Tony CAPONI**		KO 4		American A.C., Schnectady, N.Y.	
6/09/09	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Phila. Jack O'BRIEN**		TKO 3	0:40	National A.C., Philadelphia, Pa.	Jack McGuigan
7/05/09	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Billy PAPKE**		ref 20		Mission Street Arena, Colma, Cal.	Billy Roche
3/23/10	**Stanley KETCHEL**	159½	**Frank KLAUS**	157	ND 6		Duquesne Garden, Pittsburgh, Pa	Jack McGuigan
5/27/10	**Stanley KETCHEL**	158	**Willie LEWIS**	148	KO 2		National Sporting Club, New York	Tom O'Rourke
6/10/10	**Stanley KETCHEL**		**Jim SMITH**		KO 5		National Sporting Club, New York	Tom O'Rourke
2/11/11	**Cyclone J. THOMPSON**		**Billy PAPKE**		ref 20		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
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8/17/11	**Frank KLAUS**		**Cyclone J. THOMPSON**		ND 10		National Sporting Club, New York	
2/22/12	**Frank KLAUS**		**Sailor PETROSKEY**		ref 20		Auditorium Pavilion, San Francisco	Jack Welsh
2/22/12	**Frank MANTELL**		**Billy PAPKE**		ref 20		Buffalo Park, Sacramento, Calif.	Sol Levinson
2/29/12	**Georges CARPENTIER**		**Jim SULLIVAN**		KO 2		Monte Carlo, Monaco	
3/23/12	**Frank KLAUS**		**Jack DILLON**		ref 20		Mission Street Arena, Colma, Cal.	Jack Welsh
3/30/12	**Frank MANTELL**		**Jack HERRICK**		ref 20		Arena, Vernon, California	Charles Eyton
4/03/12	**Georges CARPENTIER**		**George GUNTHER**		ref 20		Cirque de Paris, Paris	
5/10/12	**Georges CARPENTIER**		**Herbert ROC**		KO 6		Marseilles, France	
5/22/12	**Georges CARPENTIER**		**Willie LEWIS**		ref 20		Cirque de Paris, Paris	
6/24/12	**Frank KLAUS**	161	**Georges CARPENTIER**		WF 19		Dieppe, France	
6/29/12	**Billy PAPKE**		**Marcel MOREAU**		TKO 16		Cirque de Paris, Paris, France	
7/01/12	**Frank KLAUS**		**Jimmy GARDNER**		KO 3		Armory A.A., Boston, Mass	
9/09/12	**Frank KLAUS**		**Marcel MOREAU**		WF 4		Aix-Les-Bains, France	
10/23/12	**Billy PAPKE**		**Georges CARPENTIER**		TKO 18		Cirque de Paris, Paris, France	
12/04/12	**Billy PAPKE**		**George BERNARD**		KO 7		Cirque de Paris, Paris, France	
3/05/13	**Frank KLAUS**		**Billy PAPKE**		WF 15		Cirque de Paris, Paris, France	
5/24/13	**Frank KLAUS**	158	**Eddie McGOORTY**	158	ND 6		Exposition Park, Pittsburgh, Pa.	. . . Henninger
9/29/13	**Frank KLAUS**		**Eddie McGOORTY**		ND 10		Elite Rink, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Harry Stout
10/11/13	**George CHIP**	161½	**Frank KLAUS**	163	KO 6		Old City Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Tom Bodkins
11/15/13	**George CHIP**		**Leó HOUCK**		ND 6		Philadelphia, Pa.	
11/25/13	**George CHIP**		**Tim O'NEILL**		ND 10		Racine, Wisconsin	
12/23/13	**George CHIP**	160½	**Frank KLAUS**	159	KO 5		Duquesne Garden, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Jack Dillion
1/12/14	**George CHIP**		**Gus CHRISTIE**		ND 10		Milwaukee, Wisconsin	
1/19/14	**George CHIP**		**Tim O'NEILL**		KO 2		Grand Rapids, Michigan	
1/26/14	**George CHIP**		**Joe BORRELL**		ND 6		Philadelphia, Pa.	
4/06/14	**Al McCOY**	156	**George CHIP**	162½	KO 1	1:55	Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	Johnny Haukaup
5/08/14	**Al McCOY**		**George PEARSALL**		KO 1		South Norwalk, Connecticut	
5/21/14	**Al McCOY**	154½	**Billy MURRAY**	157	ND 10		St. Nicholas Arena, New York	Billy Joh
‡‡6/06/14	**Jeff SMITH**		**Jimmy CLABBY**		ref 20		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
6/11/14	**Al McCOY**		**Billy MURRAY**		ND 10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
7/09/14	**Al McCOY**		**Soldier BARTFIELD**		ND 10		Broadway, Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
8/06/14	**Al McCOY**		**Soldier BARTFIELD**		ND 10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
10/13/14	**Al McCOY**	157½	**Willie LEWIS**	157¼	KO 5		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
10/19/14	**Al McCOY**	158	**Willie (K.O.) BRENNAN**	157	ND 10		Buffalo, New York	
‡‡11/28/14	**Mick KING**		**Jeff SMITH**		ref 20		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
‡‡12/26/14	**Jeff SMITH**		**Mick KING**		ref 20		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	

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‡‡1/23/15	**Jeff SMITH**	160	**Les DARCY**	155	W dis 5	**	Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	Harald Baker
1/23/15	**Al McCOY**		**Billy GRUPP**		ND 10		Federal A.C., New York, N.Y.	
1/25/15	**Al McCOY**		**Joe BORRELL**		ND 6		Philadelphia, Pa.	
2/16/15	**Al McCOY**	158½	**Al THIEL**	160¼	ND 10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
‡‡2/20/15	**Jeff SMITH**		**Mick KING**		ref 20		Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	
3/23/15	**Al McCOY**		**Silent MARTIN**		ND 10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
4/06/15	**Al McCOY**		**George CHIP**		ND 10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
5/04/15	**Al McCOY**		**Jimmy CLABBY**		ND 10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
‡‡5/23/15	**Les DARCY**	159	**Jeff SMITH**	159	WF 2		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	Harald Baker
5/31/15	**Al McCOY**		**Silent MARTIN**		ND 10		Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, New York	
‡‡6/12/15	**Les DARCY**	159	**Mick KING**	159	TKO 10		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
‡‡7/31/15	**Les DARCY**	159¼	**Eddie McGOORTY**	159½	TKO 15		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	Harald Baker
‡‡9/04/15	**Les DARCY**	159	**Billy MURRAY**	160	ref 20		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
9/09/15	**Al McCOY**		**Young AHEARN**		ND 10		Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, New York	
‡‡10/09/15	**Les DARCY**	159	**Fred DYER**	150	TKO 5		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
‡‡10/23/15	**Les DARCY**		**Jimmy CLABBY**		ref 20		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
10/23/15	**Al McCOY**		**Soldier BARTFIELD**		ND 10		Clermont Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
11/13/15	**Al McCOY**	161	**Zulu KID**	157	ND 10		Clermont Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
11/25/15	**Al McCOY**		**Silent MARTIN**		ND 15		Waterbury, Connecticut	
1/01/16	**Al McCOY**	162	**Young AHEARN**	156	ND 10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
1/20/16	**Al McCOY**	159¾	**George CHIP**	157¾	ND 10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
4/17/16	**Al McCOY**		**Al THIEL**		ND 10		Military A.C., Brooklyn, New York	
‡‡5/13/16	**Les DARCY**	158	**Alex COSTICA**	154¼	TKO 5	*	Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
6/26/16	**Al McCOY**		**Hugh ROSS**		ref 15		Bridgeport, Connecticut	
‡‡9/09/16	**Les DARCY**	159¼	**Jimmy CLABBY**	153¾	ref 20		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	Arthur Scott
‡‡9/30/16	**Les DARCY**	159½	**George CHIP**	159½	KO 9		Baker's Stadium, Sydney, NSW	
4/30/17	**Al McCOY**		**Harry GREB**		ND 10		Exposition Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Jimmy McAvoy
11/14/17	**Mike O'DOWD**	157	**Al McCOY**	162	KO 6		Clermont Sporting Club, Brooklyn	Johnny McAvoy
2/25/18	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Harry GREB**		ND 10		St. Paul, Minnesota	
7/17/19	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Al McCOY**		KO 3		St. Paul, Minnesota	
8/11/19	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Jackie CLARK**		ND 10		Syracuse, New York	
8/22/19	**Mike O'DOWD**	155	**Jack BRITTON**	146	ND 8		Armory, Newark, New Jersey	
9/01/19	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Ted (Kid) LEWIS**		ND 10		Syracuse, New York	
9/19/19	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Soldier BARTFIELD**		ND 10		St. Paul, Minnesota	
9/29/19	**Mike O'DOWD**	164	**Augie RATNER**	154	ND 8		Armory, Jersey City, New Jersey	
11/06/19	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Billy KRAMER**		KO 2		Lyceum Theatre, Paterson, N.J.	
11/21/19	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Mike GIBBONS**		ND 10		St. Paul, Minnesota	Curley Ulrich
3/01/20	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Jack McCARRON**		TKO 2	1:08	Olympia A.A., Philadelphia, Pa.	
3/30/20	**Mike O'DOWD**		**Joe EAGAN**		KO 5		Armory A.A., Boston, Mass.	
5/06/20	**Johnny WILSON**	158	**Mike O'DOWD**	159½	ref 12		Armory A.A., Boston, Mass.	Hector McInnis
7/01/20	**Johnny WILSON**		**Soldier BARTFIELD**		ND 12		Sportsman's Club, Newark, N.J.	
1/17/21	**Johnny WILSON**		**George CHIP**		ND 10		Motor Square Garden, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
3/17/21	**Johnny WILSON**	158	**Mike O'DOWD**	159¾	split 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Johnny McAvoy
5/25/21	**Johnny WILSON**	158	**Joe CHIP**	158	ND 10		Roller Rink, Detroit, Michigan	
7/27/21	**Johnny WILSON**		**Wm. Bryan DOWNEY**		WF 7		Dunn Park, Cleveland, Ohio	Jimmy Gardner
9/05/21	**Johnny WILSON**	159	**Wm. Bryan DOWNEY**	154½	ND 12		Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City	Jim Savage
8/14/22	**Dave ROSENBERG**	160	**Phil KRUG**	155	unan 15		Velodrome, Bronx, New York	Kid McPartland
11/30/22	**Mike O'DOWD**	159	**Dave ROSENBERG**	156	WF 8	2:10	Clermont Sporting Club, Brooklyn	Patsy Haley
8/31/23	**Harry GREB**	158	**Johnny WILSON**	158	unan 15		Polo Grounds, New York City, N.Y.	Jock O'Sullivan
10/04/23	**Harry GREB**		**Jimmy DARCY**		ND 10		Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Joe Keally
12/03/23	**Harry GREB**	161	**Wm. Bryan DOWNEY**	158½	unan 10		Motor Square Garden, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Joe Keally
1/18/24	**Harry GREB**	158	**Johnny WILSON**	159	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Ed Purdy
3/24/24	**Harry GREB**		**Fay KAISER**		TKO 12		Armory, Baltimore, Maryland	Benny Franklin
6/26/24	**Harry GREB**	159½	**Ted MOORE**	160	unan 15		Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York	Ed Purdy
7/02/25	**Harry GREB**	159	**Mickey WALKER**	152	unan 15		Polo Grounds, New York City, N.Y.	Ed Purdy
11/13/25	**Harry GREB**	169	**Tony MARULLO**	168	unan 15		Coliseum Arena, New Orleans, La.	Jimmy Moran
2/26/26	**Tiger FLOWERS**	158½	**Harry GREB**	159½	split 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Ed (Gunboat) Smith
8/19/26	**Tiger FLOWERS**	159¼	**Harry GREB**	159	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Jim Crowley
12/03/26	**Mickey WALKER**	154	**Tiger FLOWERS**	159	ref 10		Coliseum, Chicago, Illinois	Benny Yanger
6/30/27	**Mickey WALKER**	159½	**Tommy MILLIGAN**	159¼	KO 10		Olympia, London, England	Eugene Corri
6/21/28	**Mickey WALKER**	158	**Ace HUDKINS**	155	split 10		Comiskey Park, Chicago, Illinois	Ed Purdy
10/29/29	**Mickey WALKER**	159½	**Ace HUDKINS**	156	ref 10		Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, Cal.	Lt. Jack Kennedy
1/25/32	**Gorilla JONES**	152½	**Oddone PIAZZA**	153¾	TKO 6		Auditorium, Milwaukee, Wisc.	Julius Fidler
4/26/32	**Gorilla JONES**	151	**Young TERRY**	158	unan 12		Armory, Trenton, N.J.	Hank Lewis
6/11/32	**Marcel THIL**		**Gorilla JONES**		W dis 11		Parc des Princes, Paris, France	
7/04/32	**Marcel THIL**		**Len HARVEY**		ref 15		White City Stadium, London, Eng.	. . . . Devernaz

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§1/13/33	**Ben JEBY**	158¾	**Frank BATTAGLIA**	159¼	TKO 12	1:46	Madison Square Garden, New York	Jack Britton
§3/17/33	**Ben JEBY**	159½	**Vince DUNDEE**	159¾	D 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Eddie Forbes
§7/10/33	**Ben JEBY**	158¼	**Young TERRY**	157	ref 15		Dreamland Park, Newark, N.J.	John (Whitey) Healey
§8/09/33	**Lou BROUILLARD**	158½	**Ben JEBY**	159	KO 7	2:21	Polo Grounds, New York, N.Y.	Pete Hartley
10/02/33	**Marcel THIL**		**Kid TUNERO**		unan 15		Palais des Sports, Paris, France	
†§10/30/33	**Vince DUNDEE**	160	**Lou BROUILLARD**	159	unan 15		Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Johnny Martin
†§12/08/33	**Vince DUNDEE**	158½	**Andy CALLAHAN**	152½	split 15		Boston Garden, Boston, Mass	Jack Decker
2/26/34	**Marcel THIL**		**Ignacio ARA**		unan 15		Palais des Sports, Paris, France	
†§5/01/34	**Vince DUNDEE**	157	**Al DIAMOND**	156½	ref 15		State Armory, Paterson, N.J.	Phil Ehrhardt
5/03/34	**Marcel THIL**		**Gustave ROTH**		unan 15		Palais des Sports, Paris, France	
†§9/11/34	**Teddy YAROSZ**	157¼	**Vince DUNDEE**	158½	split 15		Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Al Grayber
10/15/34	**Marcel THIL**	157	**Carmelo CANDEL**	158	D 15		Palis des Sports, Paris France	
5/04/35	**Marcel THIL**	159	**Vilda JAKS**	158½	TKO 14		Palais des Sports, Paris, France	
6/03/35	**Marcel THIL**	158½	**Ignacio ARA**	159¼	15		Madrid, Spain	
†§9/19/35	**Babe RISKO**	158¼	**Teddy YAROSZ**	158½	unan 15		Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
1/20/36	**Marcel THIL**	158¾	**Lou BROUILLARD**	154½	W dis 4		Palais des Sports, Paris, France	
†§2/10/36	**Babe RISKO**	159¾	**Tony FISHER**	159¾	ref 10		Laurel Gardens, Newark, N.J.	John (Whitey) Healey
†§7/11/36	**Freddie STEELE**	156¾	**Babe RISKO**	158	unan 15		Civic Stadium, Seattle, Wash.	Tommy McCarthy
†§1/01/37	**Freddie STEELE**	157	**Gorilla JONES**	153	unan 10		Auditorium, Milwaukee, Wisconson	Jim Keefe
2/15/37	**Marcel THIL**	159	**Lou BROUILLARD**	157¼	W dis 6		Palais des Sports, Paris, France	A. Falony
†§2/19/37	**Freddie STEELE**	157	**Babe RISKO**	158	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Donovan
†§5/11/37	**Freddie STEELE**	156	**Frank BATTAGLIA**	159¾	KO 3	0:34	Civic Auditorium, Seattle, Wash.	Tommy Clark
†§9/11/37	**Freddie STEELE**	157¼	**Ken OVERLIN**	160	KO 4		Civic Auditorium, Seattle, Wash.	Tommy Clark
9/23/37	**Fred APOSTOLI**	159¼	**Marcel THIL**	159	TKO 10	0:44	Polo Grounds, New York, N.Y.	Arthur Donovan
†§2/19/38	**Freddie STEELE**	159	**Carmen BARTH**	159¼	TKO 7		Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio	James J. Braddock
4/01/38	**Fred APOSTOLI**	160¾	**Glenn LEE**	156¾	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Eddie Joseph
† 7/26/38	**Al HOSTAK**	158¼	**Freddie STEELE**	159	KO 1	1:43	Civic Stadium, Seattle, Wash.	Jack Dempsey
† 11/01/38	**Solly KREIGER**		**Al HOSTAK**		maj 15		Civic Auditorium, Seattle, Wash.	Rod Murphy
11/18/38	**Fred APOSTOIL**	159	**Young CORBETT**	159½	TKO 8	2:01	Madison Square Garden, New York	Eddie Joseph
† 6/27/39	**Al HOSTAK**		**Solly KREIGER**	160	KO 4	0:46	Civic Stadium, Seattle, Wash	James J. Braddock
10/02/39	**Ceferino GARCIA**	153¾	**Fred APOSTOLI**	160	KO 7	2:07	Madison Square Garden, New York	Billy Cavanaugh
† 12/11/39	**Al HOSTAK**	160	**Eric SEELIG**	160	KO 1	1:21	Arena, Cleveland, Ohio	Tony LaBranche
12/23/39	**Ceferino GARCIA**	152½	**Glenn LEE**	156	TKO 13		Rizal Stadium, Manila, P.I.	Jack Dempsey
3/01/40	**Ceferino GARCIA**	153½	**Henry ARMSTRONG**	142	draw 10		Gilmore Stadium, Los Angeles	George Blake
5/23/40	**Ken OVERLIN**	159	**Ceferino GARCIA**	154½	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Donovan
† 7/19/40	**Tony ZALE**	158	**Al HOSTAK**	159¾	TKO 13	1:20	Civic Stadium, Seattle, Wash.	Benny Leonard
11/01/40	**Ken OVERLIN**	158	**Steve BELLOIS**	153	maj 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	George Walsh
12/13/40	**Ken OVERLIN**	159	**Steve BELLOISE**	154	split 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Donovan
† 2/21/41	**Tony ZALE**	159	**Steve MAMAKOS**	157½	KO 14	0:26	Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Tommy Gilmore
5/09/41	**Billy SOOSE**	157¾	**Ken OVERLIN**	159½	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Donovan
† 5/28/41	**Tony ZALE**	158¾	**Al HOSTAK**	158¼	KO 2	2:32	Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill	Johnny Behr
11/28/41	**Tony ZALE**	158¼	**Georgie ABRAMS**	159	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Billy Cavanaugh
9/27/46	**Tony ZALE**	160	**Rocky GRAZIANO**	154	KO 6	1:43	Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York	Ruby Goldstein
7/16/47	**Rocky GRAZIANO**	155¼	**Tony ZALE**	159	TKO 6	2:10	Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Johnny Behr
6/10/48	**Tony ZALE**	158¾	**Rocky GRAZIANO**	158½	KO 3	1:08	Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N.J.	Paul Cavalier
9/21/48	**Marcel CERDAN**	158	**Tony ZALE**	159	TKO 12	*	Roosevelt Stadium, Jersey City	Paul Cavalier
6/16/49	**Jake LaMOTTA**	158½	**Marcel CERDAN**	159½	TKO 10	*	Briggs Stadium, Detroit, Mich.	Johnny Weber
††6/05/50	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	155	**Robert VILLEMAIN**	159½	unan 15		Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia	Charles Daggert
7/12/50	**Jake LaMOTTA**	159	**Tiberio MITRI**	159	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Mark Conn
††8/25/50	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	154¾	**Jose BASORA**	159¾	KO 1	0:52	Scranton Stadium, Scranton, Pa.	Johnny Kelly
9/13/50	**Jake LaMOTTA**	159½	**Laurent DAUTHUILLE**	160	KO 15	2:47	Olympia, Detroit, Michigan	Lou Handler
††10/26/50	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	158	**Carl (Bobo) OLSON**	159	KO 12	1:19	Convention Hall, Philadelphia	Charles Daggert
2/14/51	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	155½	**Jake LaMOTTA**	160	TKO 13	2:04	Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Frank Sikora
7/10/51	**Randy TURPIN**	158¾	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	154½	ref 15		Earl's Court, London, England	Eugene Henderson
9/12/51	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	157½	**Randy TURPIN**	159	TKO 10	2:52	Polo Grounds, New York, N.Y.	Ruby Goldstein
3/13/52	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	157½	**Carl (Bobo) OLSON**	159½	unan 15		Civic Auditorium, San Francisco	Jack Downey
4/16/52	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	157¼	**Rocky GRAZIANO**	159¾	KO 3	1:53	Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Tommy Gilmore
10/21/53	**Carl (Bobo) OLSON**	159½	**Randy TURPIN**	157	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Al Berl
4/02/54	**Carl (Bobo) OLSON**	159½	**Kid GAVILAN**	155	maj 15		Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Bernard Weissman
8/20/54	**Carl (Bobo) OLSON**	160	**Rocky CASTELLANI**	160	unan 15		Cow Palace, San Francisco, Calif.	Ray Flores
12/15/54	**Carl (Bobo) OLSON**	159½	**Pierre LANGLOIS**	157¾	TKO 11	0:58	Cow Palace, San Francisco, Calif.	Ray Flores
12/09/55	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	159¾	**Carl (Bobo) OLSON**	159¼	KO 2	2:51	Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Frank Sikora
5/18/56	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	159½	**Carl (Bobo) OLSON**	160	KO 4	2:51	Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, Calif.	Mushy Callahan
1/02/57	**Gene FULLMER**	157¼	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	160	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Ruby Goldstein
5/01/57	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	159½	**Gene FULLMER**	159¼	KO 5	1:27	Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Frank Sikora
9/23/57	**Carmen BASILIO**	153½	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	160	split 15		Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York	Al Berl
3/25/58	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	159¾	**Carmen BASILIO**	153	split 15		Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Frank Sikora
† 8/28/59	**Gene FULLMER**	159½	**Carmen BASILIO**	156	TKO 14	0:39	Cow Palace, San Francisco	Jack Downey

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† 12/04/59	**Gene FULLMER**	159¾	**Spider WEBB**	157¾	unan 15		George Nelson Field House, Logan	Ken Shulsen
1/22/60	**Paul PENDER**	159¾	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	159¼	split 15		Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Joe Zapustas
† 4/20/60	**Gene FULLMER**	160	**Joey GIARDELLO**	158¼	draw 15		Montana State College Field House	Harry Kessler
6/10/60	**Paul PENDER**	160	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	158½	split 15		Boston Garden, Boston, Mass	Jimmy McCarron
† 6/29/60	**Gene FULLMER**	159¼	**Carmen BASILIO**	156½	TKO 12	2:54	Derks Field, Salt Lake City, Utah	Pete Giacoma
† 12/03/60	**Gene FULLMER**	159	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	158¾	draw 15		Sports Arena, Los Angeles, Calif.	Tommy Hart
1/14/61	**Paul PENDER**	160	**Terry DOWNES**	160	TKO 7	0:57	Arena, Boston, Massachusetts	Bill Connelly
† 3/04/61	**Gene FULLMER**	159¾	**Sugar Ray ROBINSON**	159¾	unan 15		Convention Center, Las Vegas	Frank Carter
4/22/61	**Paul PENDER**	160	**Carmen BASILIO**	159	unan 15		Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Ed Bradley
7/11/61	**Terry DOWNES**	158¾	**Paul PENDER**	159	TKO 10	*	Wembly Pool, London, England	Ike Powell
† 8/15/61	**Gene FULLMER**	159¾	**Florentino FERNANDEZ**	157¼	split 15		Ogden Stadium, Ogden, Utah	Ken Shulsen
† 12/09/61	**Gene FULLMER**	159¾	**Benny PARET**	156¾	KO 10	2:30	Convention Center, Las Vegas	Harry Krause
4/07/62	**Paul PENDER**	159	**Terry DOWNES**	159	unan 15		Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Jimmy McCarron
† 10/23/62	**Dick TIGER**	159	**Gene FULLMER**	160	unan 15		Candlestick Park, San Francisco	Frank Carter
† 2/23/63	**Dick TIGER**	160	**Gene FULLMER**	160	draw 15		Convention Center, Las Vegas	Vern Bybee
8/10/63	**Dick TIGER**	159¾	**Gene FULLMER**	160	TKO 8	*	Liberty Stadium, Ibadan, Nigeria	Jack Hart
12/07/63	**Joey GIARDELLO**	158	**Dick TIGER**	159	ref 15		Convention Hall, Atlantic City	Paul Cavalier
12/14/64	**Joey GIARDELLO**	160	**Ruben CARTER**	158½	unan 15		Convention Hall, Philadelphia	Bob Polis
10/21/65	**Dick TIGER**	158½	**Joey GIARDELLO**	160	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	John LoBianco
4/25/66	**Emile GRIFFITH**	150½	**Dick TIGER**	160	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Mercante
7/13/66	**Emile GRIFFITH**	152	**Joey ARCHER**	159½	maj 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	John LoBianco
1/23/67	**Emile GRIFFITH**	152	**Joey ARCHER**	160	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Mercante
4/17/67	**Nino BENVENUTI**	159	**Emile GRIFFITH**	153½	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Mark Conn
9/29/67	**Emile GRIFFITH**	154	**Nino BENVENUTI**	159¾	maj 15		Shea Stadium, Flushing, New York	Tommy Walsh
3/04/68	**Nino BENVENUTI**	160	**Emile GRIFFITH**	154½	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	John LoBianco
12/14/68	**Nino BENVENUTI**	160	**Don FULLMER**	159	unan 15		Ariston Theatre, San Remo, Italy	Piero Brambille
10/04/69	**Nino BENVENUTI**	160	**Fraser SCOTT**	158	W dis 7	1:40	San Paolo Stadium Naples, Italy	Tonci Gilardi
11/22/69	**Nino BENVENUTI**	159½	**Luis RODRIGUEZ**	156	KO 11	1:08	Palazzo dello Sport, Rome, Italy	Mario Carrabellese
5/23/70	**Nino BENVENUTI**	160	**Tom BETHEA**	160	KO 8	2:43	Umag, Yugoslavia	
11/07/70	**Carlos MONZON**	159¾	**Nino BENVENUTI**	159¾	KO 12	2:00	Palazzo dello Sport, Rome, Italy	Rudolf Durst
5/09/71	**Carlos MONZON**	159½	**Nino BENVENUTI**	160	TKO 3	1:05	Louis II Stadium, Monte Carlo	Victor Avendano
9/25/71	**Carlos MONZON**	159	**Emile GRIFFITH**	154	TKO 14	2:49	Luna Park Stadium, Buenos Aires	Ramon Berumen
3/04/72	**Carlos MONZON**	159	**Dennis MOYER**	158¾	TKO 5	1:50	Palazzo dello Sport, Rome, Italy	Lorenzo Fortunato
6/17/72	**Carlos MONZON**	159¼	**Jean-Claude BOUTTIER**	159	TKO 13	*	Colombes Stadium, Colombes	Rudolf Durst
8/19/72	**Carlos MONZON**	159	**Tom BOGS**	159½	TKO 5	2:30	Idraets Park Stadium, Copenhagen	Harry Gibbs
11/11/72	**Carlos MONZON**	158	**Bennie BRISCOE**	157	unan 15		Luna Park Stadium, Buenos Aires	Victor Avendano
6/02/73	**Carlos MONZON**	159	**Emile GRIFFITH**	157	unan 15		Louis II Stadium, Monte Carlo	Pierrot Brenbilla
9/29/73	**Carlos MONZON**	159¾	**Jean-Claude BOUTTIER**	159	unan 15		Roland Garros Stadium, Paris	Harry Gibbs
2/09/74	**Carlos MONZON**	159	**Jose NAPOLES**	153	TKO 7	*	Paris, France	Raymond Baldeyrou
‡ 5/25/74	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	156¾	**Bennie BRISCOE**	156½	KO 7		Louis II Stadium, Monte Carlo	Harry Gibbs
10/05/74	**Carlos MONZON**	160	**Tony MUNDINE**	159¼	KO 7	1:20	Luna Park Stadium, Buenos Aires	Issac Herrera
‡ 11/13/74	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	160	**Gratien TONNA**	159	KO 11		Parc des Expositions, Paris	Jean Deswert
‡ 5/31/75	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	160	**Ramon MENDEZ**	159	TKO 8		Cali, Colombia	Humberto Caceres
6/30/75	**Carlos MONZON**	159¾	**Tony LICATA**	160	TKO 10	2:43	Madison Square Garden, New York	Tony Perez
‡ 8/16/75	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	159½	**Rudy ROBLES**	159½	unan 15		Cartagena de Indias Bull Ring	Victor Amor
12/13/75	**Carlos MONZON**	160	**Gratien TONNA**	159	KO 5		Nouvel Hippodrome, Paris, France	Waldemar Schmidt
‡ 3/28/76	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	159½	**Nessim COHEN**	158¼	TKO 4	2:45	Pavillon de Paris, Paris, France	Marcello Bertini
6/26/76	**Carlos MONZON**	159½	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	160	unan 15		Louis II Stadium, Monte Carlo	Raymond Baldeyrou
7/30/77	**Carlos MONZON**	159	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	158	unan 15		Louis II Stadium, Monte Carlo	Roland Dakin
11/05/77	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	160	**Bennie BRISCOE**	160	unan 15		Campione d'Italia, Switzerland	Wally Thom
4/22/78	**Hugo CORRO**	159¾	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	159¼	unan 15		San Remo, Italy	Angelo Poletti
8/05/78	**Hugo CORRO**	159	**Ronnie HARRIS**	159½	unan 15		Luna Park Stadium, Buenos Aires	Waldemar Schmidt
11/11/78	**Hugo CORRO**	159¼	**Rodrigo VALDEZ**	158¾	unan 15		Luna Park Stadium, Buenos Aires	Stan Christodoulou
6/30/79	**Vito ANTUOFERMO**	159¼	**Hugo CORRO**	158¾	split 15		Monte Carlo, Monaco	Ernesto Magana
11/30/79	**Vito ANTUOFERMO**	158½	**Marvin HAGLER**	158½	draw 15		Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nev.	Mills Lane
3/16/80	**Alan MINTER**	159¾	**Vito ANTUOFERMO**	158¾	split 15		Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nev.	Carlos Padilla
6/28/80	**Alan MINTER**	160	**Vito ANTUOFERMO**	159¼	TKO 9	*	Wembley Pool, London, England	Octavio Meyran
9/27/80	**Marvin HAGLER**	160	**Alan MINTER**	159¾	TKO 3	1:45	Wembley Pool, London, England	Carlos Berrocal

* Loser failed to answer bell for round indicated.
** Loser was disqualified at end of round.
† NBA (later WBA) world middleweight title bout
‡ WBC world middleweight title bout
†† Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission world middleweight title bout
‡‡ Australian world middleweight title bout
§ New York State Athletic Commission world middleweight title bout

Many "title" bouts were held between the death of Stanley Ketchel on October 15, 1910 and the bout in which Frank Klaus clinched recognition by defeating Billy Papke on March 5, 1913. The major ones have been included.

The Cleveland Boxing Commission overruled referee Gardner and declared Downey winner by a knockout on July 27, 1921—and new world middleweight champion.

The Apostoli-Lee bout was not sanctioned as a title contest. Apostoli, moreover, was over the weight limit.

Many bouts of 1895-1925 were fought at catchweights, but title was at stake. These are listed in accordance with common practice at that time.

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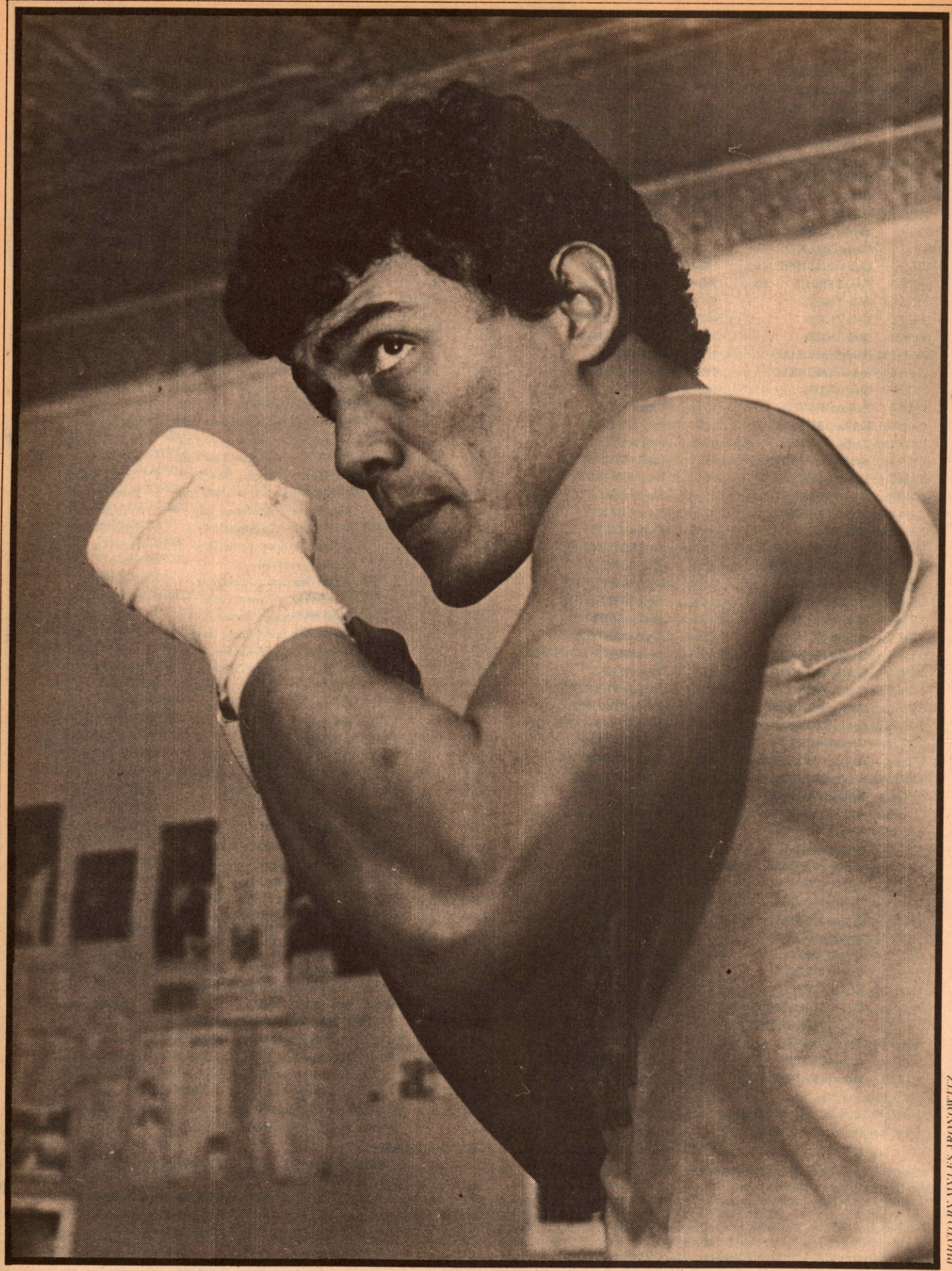

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MUSTAFA HAMSHO:
SYRIAN-BRED, AMERICAN-BASED

By Joe Tintle

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT MUSTAFA Hamsho's name sounds like someone sneezing. But his performances in the ring haven't been anything to sneeze at.

Hamsho, the seventh-ranked middleweight in *Ring*'s International Ratings, likes to bore in and pummel his opponents in a windmill fashion, reminiscent of Harry Greb. And more than 1,000 spectators at the Dunn Sports Center in Elizabeth, N.J. last Sept. 24 witnessed the non-stop Syrian in action as he TKO'd Bobby "Kid" Patterson at 1:47 of the fourth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Here's what they saw: Hamsho and Patterson pelted each other throughout the first minute of fourth-round action until Hamsho uncorked a hard left hook that sent Patterson reeling to the canvas. Referee Larry Hazzard ruled it a knockdown and action resumed.

But not for long. Hamsho muscled Patterson against the ropes, pinning him to the middle strand with seven hard left-right combinations to the head. Patterson hardly retaliated. So Hazzard squeezed between the boxers and stopped the bout. Hamsho earned a technical knockout and improved his record to 32-1-1; or, at least, that's what his managers claim it to be.

Little did Mustafa Hamsho realize in 1974 that one day he would become a boxer. He had been a ship painter in Latakia, Syria, where he first learned to box. But fighters have no chance to develop there and he boarded a ship and sailed to America. "I'd been to other countries before," Hamsho said. "But America, to me, was the best place to live. It's where all people can live together: Blacks, whites, Jews and Arabs. There's no repression here. I like that."

Hamsho worked as a dishwasher for his cousin Sammy Moustapha, who owned an Arabic restaurant in Brooklyn. Sammy, a fight fanatic, told Hamsho about a New York City trainer named Paddy Flood and suggested they meet. Hamsho agreed, but Flood, a matchmaker with Don King at the time, couldn't manage the newcomer. It could be a conflict of interest. So Flood relegated the managerial duties to Bill Prezant.

Prezant and Hamsho signed a four-year contract August 22, 1975. But it was not approved by then New York State Athletic Commissioner James Farley, Jr. because Hamsho had neglected to present certain legal documents. Hamsho straightened out matters eight months later and Farley approved the contract on April 23, 1976.

In the meantime, Hamsho had begun his professional career. Yet it wasn't until he earned a draw with ex-Olympian Reggie Jones of Newark Aug. 16, 1976 that Hamsho's handler's knew they had a fighter with potential.

However, after Hamsho decisioned Rocky Mosley in a 10-rounder Jan. 21, 1978 in Las Vegas, Prezant claims, "Flood brainwashed Mustafa against me. After the Mosley bout I didn't get back home to New York City for a couple of weeks because I had to have a skin cancer operation in Kansas City. And when I arrived home, Mustafa asked me for his release. He said he wanted to be his own manager.

In a hearing before the New Jersey State Athletic Comission May 2, 1979, Hamsho explained his actions in broken English: "He (Prezant) call from the hospital. He said I got you fight in Kansas City. You be ready and trained in two months. . . After that. . . he say I'm sorry. The fight is cancelled.

"How I going to pay my expenses?" Hamsho added. "How I going to live, my family, my daughter. He never have the fight when he says he will. I quit because he promised me to fight. He never deliver."

So Prezant filed a complaint with the New York State Athletic Commission which upheld his claim as manager June 29, 1978 and ordered Hamsho to pay Prezant 33⅓ percent due him for every fight through April 23, 1980.

"Flood disagreed with the commission's ruling and said he'd take the matter to court," said commission lawyer Bob Swetnick. "So we held Prezant's money in escrow and asked the other state commissions to do the same." Flood never went to court and Prezant received his money.

Today Hamsho's fortunes are directed by the dynamic duo of Flood and cornerman Al Braverman, who has been in boxing for more than 40 years. Braverman, never one to underplay his hand, calls his fighter a throwback to the old days of the sport. "Mustafa is a Harry Greb-type fighter," Braverman said. "He's a real tough sonofabitch; a real take-'em-apart guy.

"And like Greb," he added, "Mustafa is vicious in the ring. He don't care who you are or what you are; he's all business. And he don't give a damn about a fighter's reputation. All he's set upon doing is tearing up the other guy."

Hamsho hasn't lost a fight since his professional debut Aug. 23, 1975 when he fought Pat Cuillo in Binghamton, N.Y. and dropped a six-round decision. "Let me tell ya about that fight," Braverman insisted. "Cuillo was 25 pounds heavier than Mustafa."

"So why did you allow him to fight?" Braverman was asked.

"I hadda save the show," he explained. "Everyone wanted to see Cuillo, the local kid. And when I told Mustafa what Cuillo weighed, he begged me to let him fight. That's when I knew Mustafa was a tough guy."

Hamsho hasn't lost since. Or has he? The 1980 *Ring Record Book* carries the mice-type notation that Roger Philips knocked him out in two rounds June 26, 1976 in Providence, R.I. Paddy Flood heatedly disagrees: "That's a bunch of crap. I've got the film. No way Mustafa got knocked out by anyone, much less Roger Philips. What happened is that the local newspaper printed the wrong result. Mustafa kayoed Philips."

A call to the Rhode Island State Athletic Commission revealed there had been confusion among the ring judges that night. To begin with, Hamsho was fighting under an assumed name, "Mike Estafire". (The Syrian also called himself Rocky Estafire early in his career because he was an illegal alien trying to avoid the authorities.)

But the night he fought Philips, the judges recorded his name as "Mike Estaire" on their scorecards to further complicate matters.

After searching her files, commission secretary Helen Ucci remarked, "This is all screwed up. Two judges wrote that Mike Estaire (Mustafa Hamsho) won a second-round technical knockout while the other said Philips TKO'd Estaire. You figure it out."

The judges scoring was as follows: Dom DiCiantis scored the fight, 5-4, Estaire and wrote, "Estaire wins by TKO."

Judge Al Costa had Estaire ahead, 10-7, and he scribbled, "Estaire, TKO," while

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Larry Bolvin indicated Philips won by TKO—yet his scorecard had Estaire ahead on points.

"Now you tell me who won," Ucci said, laughing. "It doesn't make any sense. They (the judges) must've been mixed up when they wrote this. All I can say is that on all three scorecards Estaire won on points and two of three judges had him TKOing Philips. And, like I've said, it's screwy."

Because of the so-called screw-up, the editors of the 1980 *Ring Record Book* put an asterisk next to the fight—similar to the one next to Roger Maris' 61 home runs—reading "Result in dispute."

But asterisk or no asterisk, there is no asterisk next to his credentials. For Hamsho is recognized as a serious contender for the middleweight crown. Last June 15 he consolidated his position as a claimant by beating previously undefeated Wilford Scypion at the Pine Knob Music Theatre in suburban Detroit. His win was convincing, but, like his record, controversial—the Michigan State Boxing Commission Hiawatha Knight ruling Hamsho won by default.

Action had been furious throughout the fight until Scypion, a tired boxer, tried to finish the fight by holding onto Hamsho. Annoyed with Scypion's tactics, Hamsho side-stepped his onrushing opponent like an agile matador. But the rubber-legged Scypion stumbled past Hamsho and hurtled through the ropes. He crash-landed in a sitting position, outside the ring.

Referee Tom Briscoe dutifully counted to 10. But when Scypion couldn't return to action, Hamsho was declared the winner by a knockout. Moments later, Knight overruled Briscoe, first calling it "no contest" and then reversing herself and ordering the final 40 seconds of the fight be continued.

Briscoe went to Scypion's corner to convey the message, but the fighter had gone to his dressing room. Boxing rules state that a fighter must be available when called upon, so Hamsho won by default in the tenth round. Add another asterisk.

When asked about the Michigan commissioner, the usually quotable Paddy Flood gave still another: "That was a Knight to forget."

Hamsho sustained 22 stitches under his left eye during the bout with Scypion and didn't fight for three months until he faced Bobby Patterson. "Al (Braverman) and I even turned down $100,000 from NBC to fight Curtis Parker," Flood said, "because we had to let the cut heal inside and outside."

Braverman has taught the 25-year-old to double and triple up on his left hooks and put combinations together, and hopes such tactics will help Hamsho if his promised title fight with world middleweight champion Marvin Hagler comes to pass.

"We've got to wait and see what happens," said Hamsho's handler Paddy Flood. "We signed a contract with Hagler to fight last April but it never came off. The thing, however, with this bout—should it happen—Hagler's people want it in Boston (Hagler is from Brockton, Mass.), but there's no way that'll be. We want to fight in Las Vegas."

Should the Hagler-Hamsho title fight materialize, Prezant warns he'll make trouble. "I've got nothing against Mustafa," Prezant said, "I wouldn't want to keep him from making a living, but I can't see that Paddy Flood deserves to be up there with him."

Prezant didn't elaborate, but he did say, "I'm going to make a lot of trouble whenever that fight (Hagler-Hamsho) comes off. Just watch."

"I don't understand Bill Prezant," Flood said. "I gave him a chance to manage a fighter, then this. He's a no good geek." ■

MUSTAFA HAMSHO

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Aug. 23	Pat Cuillo	Binghamton	L 6
Oct. 23	Danny McNevin	Binghamton	D 4
Nov. 21	Joe Houston	Providence	KO 2

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb.	Ralph Howard	Providence	KO 4
Apr. 14	Ray Villanueva	Sunnyside, N.Y.	KO 3
Apr. 28	Carlos Novotney	Sunnyside, N.Y.	KO 4
May	Chuck Small	Utica	W 6
*June 26	Roger Philips	N. Providence	KO by 2
Aug. 16	Reggie Jones	Newark	D 8
Sept. 11	Cove Green	Utica	KO 2
Oct. 1	Benji Goldstone	Utica	W 4
Oct. 29	Bernard McLean	Sunnyside, N.Y.	W 6

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 29	Lester Camper	Baltimore	W 8
May 20	Lorenzo Howard	Binghamton	KO 1
June 13	Archie Andrews	Newark	W 6
Sept. 27	Gil Rosario	West New York	W 6
Nov. 9	Antonio Adame	Las Vegas	W 10

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 21	Rockey Mosley	Las Vegas	W 10
June 28	Frankie Moore	Providence	KO 2
Sept. 21	Bobby Watts	Jersey City	KO 6
Oct. 28	Eddie Parks	Jersey City	KO 5
Dec. 1	Don Johnson	Jersey City	KO 5

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 27	Pat Murphy	Jersey City	KO 3
Mar. 15	Winston Noel	North Bergen	KO 2
Apr. 11	Tyrone Freeman	White Plains	KO 1
Apr. 26	Domingo Ortiz	North Bergen	KO 8
June 27	Domingo Ortiz	Secaucus	KO 7
Sept. 19	Fermin Guzman	New York	KO 7
Oct. 4	Barry Hill	North Bergen	KO 1

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 29	Reggie Jones	Atlantic City	KO 7
June 15	Wilford Scypion	Pine Knob, Mich.	W dis. 10

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NEW FACES

CHARLIE MAGRI

NEW FACES. THEY ARE THE YOUNG replacing the old. They are today's club fighters dreaming of battling for a world title tomorrow. New Faces. But there are no ground rules, written or unwritten laws, saying they may not be contenders as well as club fighters. Enter, Charlie Magri.

Born in France, of Tunisian and Maltese heritage (he is related to former top middleweight contender Gratien Tonna), Magri is at the same stage two former New Faces—Aaron Pryor and Hilmer Kenty—were earlier this year. Magri is unwanted by the champions, he is unbeaten and, outside his home, he is unknown.

A major part of Charlie Magri's problem is that he is a flyweight. He weighs 112 pounds (eight stone, as the British say) soaking wet. Sports enthusiasts—especially heavyweight-jaded Americans—find it hard relating to or idolizing athletes who are smaller than their kid sister. Or frailer-looking than their 80-year-old grandmother.

Like ballet and the great athletes who perform in it, the flyweight division has long been a misunderstood, much-maligned, joked-about division. But for Magri and his fellow flyweights, universal respect is not far off.

People are beginning to move away from owning BIG cars, BIG gas bills, BIG houses, BIG expenses, BIG taxes and BIG everything else. People are beginning to thing "small." Boxing people are beginning to think and talk about the exciting flyweight division.

In the Orient, flyweights have always been popular. Today, they are more popular than ever. In the United States, flyweights have been as popular in the past as the Edsel and the Bay City Rollers. Now, however, they are increasing in popularity and fan support every day. That's because the real boxing fan knows he'll see nothing but action in a flyweight contest. And for pure action, there is no flyweight as exciting as Charlie Magri.

In England, Magri is without peer. In Europe, few—if any—flyweights present much of a problem to the hard-punching lad from London, who fights out of the Terry Lawless stable. In fact, no world-class flyweight would have an easy time against Magri, whose last loss came in the third round of competition in the 1976 Olympics.

Magri was raised in the same London ghetto that spawned former welterweight champions Ted "Kid" Lewis and John Stracey, and former featherweight king Jackie "Kid" Berg. Fighting with gloves on is kid's stuff compared to some of the brawls Magri had as a youngster on the streets of London.

Some of the "names" Magri has placed on his list of victims includes Manuel Carrasco, Mike Stuart, Franco Udella and most recently, former WBA flyweight king Alfonso Lopez.

It was in the fight against Lopez that Magri showed the world-class material he is made out of. He started quickly against the former champion, attempting to knock him out as soon as possible. When he realized Lopez was in there to last, Magri displayed some marvelous boxing talents. And in the eighth round, when rocked by a terrific left hook flush on the chin, Magri didn't panic or resort to amateur tactics, such as lowering his head or turning away. He smartly grabbed onto Lopez, shook the haze from his brain, then danced away behind some powerful left jabs that caught the over-anxious Lopez with his defenses down. The victory over Lopez was Magri's second against a former world title-holder. The first came by 12-round decision against Udella in May 1979.

Magri's performance against Lopez—though admittedly not what he was a few years ago, but then who is?—was extremely important, not only to his rating, but for his confidence, as well. There is little question that when Magri finally gets his big chance, he will become the first Britisher to win the world flyweight title since Jimmy Wilde.

CHARLIE MAGRI

Height: 5'4½" **Weight:** 112 pounds
Born: July 20, 1956
Amateur Record: 126-9

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 25	Neil McLaughlin	London	KO 2
Nov. 15	Bryn Griffiths	London	KO 2
Dec. 6	Dave Smith (Won British Flyweight Title)	London	KO 7

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 21	Nessim Zebellini	London	KO 3
Apr. 4	Dominique Cesari	London	KO 3
Apr. 25	Manuel Carrasco	London	W 8
Sept. 12	Sabatino de Filippo	London	KO 7
Oct. 24	Claudio Tanda	Kensington	KO 1
Dec. 5	Mariano Garcia	Kensington	KO 3

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 23	Filipo Belvedere	London	KO 1
Feb. 20	Mike Stuart	London	KO 3
May 1	Franco Udella (Won European Flyweight Title)	London	W 12
May 29	Freddie Gonzalez	Kensington	KO 3
Sept. 25	Raul Pachecco	Wembley	KO 6
Oct. 23	Candy Iglesias	Wembley	KO 3
Dec. 5	Manuel Carrasco (Retained European Flyweight Title)	London	W 12

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 22	Aniceto Vargas	London	KO 3
June 28	Giovanni Camputaro (Retained European Flyweight Title)	Glasgow	KO 3
Sept. 16	Alfonso Lopez	London	W 10

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
19	19	0	0	15

NEW FACES

MIKE PICCIOTTI

IT WAS A COLD MARCH NIGHT IN 1979. Mike Picciotti, of Ridley Township, Pa., walked out of the bar after he and a few friends had "warmed" their insides with a few drinks. They had been celebrating "Pic's" last bout, an action-packed eight-round draw against Johnny Cooper at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. "To a great fight." Down the hatch. "To beating him in a rematch." Down the hatch. "To your next fight, and may the judges not take that one away from you." Down the hatch. One more "for the road" down the hatch.

Picciotti doesn't remember much else, other than closing his eyes in the back seat of his friend's car and opening them in the intensive care unit of the local hospital.

"I was asleep in the back, when the driver lost control of the car," related the 23-year-old boxer-puncher. "We split two telephone poles in half and demolished the car. I suffered torn muscles in my back and legs, as well as large bruises all over." Considering the severity of the accident, Picciotti is lucky that his injuries were not even more severe. In fact, he's lucky to be alive.

Those around "Pic", including manager-trainer Marty Feldman, believed the young welterweight's career was through. Upon his release from the hospital, Picciotti hobbled about, first on crutches, then on a cane. Then came lots of walking, followed by easy jogging. Bit by bit, the young welterweight came back.

"It was the hardest struggle of my life," he now says.

On December 4, 1979, nearly nine months after the accident and 10 months after his last fight, Picciotti returned to action, stopping Darnell Smith in the first round. An eight-round decision over Hubert Jackson followed. But Picciotti was not impressive, so manager Feldman arranged a rematch. One month later, he knocked out Jackson in the fourth round. Since that time, he has stopped Dale Staley in round six, boxed talented Michael Herron to a 10-round draw and beaten Curtis Taylor on a 10-round decision.

With every fight, Picciotti is gaining confidence and experience. He is also rapidly improving. He'd like nothing more than to try out his potent right hand and exceptional boxing skills against a world-rated welterweight.

After all, when you've survived something as horrible and potentially tragic as an automobile accident, facing a world-rated welterweight is nothing more than child's play.

MIKE PICCIOTTI

Height: 5'8" **Weight:** 147 pounds
Born: May 17, 1957
Amateur Record: 20-7

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Nov. 19	Hector Pereira	Philadelphia	W 4

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 7	Ernie Gladney	Upper Darby	KO 2
Apr. 7	Morris Grant	Upper Darby	KO 3
May 9	Ken Muse	Upper Darby	W 4
July 26	Donald Leery	Philadelphia	W 4
Sept. 15	Kevin Moefield	Upper Darby	W 6
Oct. 20	Morris Grant	Upper Darby	KO 2
Nov. 15	Elliott Freeman	Upper Darby	W 6

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 31	Kevin Moefield	Upper Darby	D 6
Mar. 7	Elliott Freeman	Upper Darby	W 6
Apr. 10	Kevin Moefield	Philadelphia	W 8
Apr. 28	Don Johnson	Upper Darby	KO 4
June 1	Joe Tiberi	Upper Darby	KO 3
Aug. 24	Luis Vega	Philadelphia	W 6
Sept. 27	Don Johnson	Philadelphia	L 6
Nov. 21	Tyrone Phelps	Upper Darby	W 8

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 5	Johnny Cooper	Philadelphia	D 8
Dec. 4	Darnell Smith	Upper Darby	KO 1

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 1	Hubert Jackson	Philadelphia	W 8
Mar. 9	Hubert Jackson	Atlantic City	KO 4
Apr. 10	Dale Staley	Atlantic City	KO 6
July 12	Michael Herron	Atlantic City	D 10
Sept. 9	Curtis Taylor	Atlantic City	W 10

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
23	19	1	3	8

FRANK NEWTON

PAT O'GRADY, THE COLORFUL, ROTUND, heavyweight of a man with the ever-flapping tongue and the thick Oklahoman accent, believes he manages the future lightweight champion of the world. No, not Sean O'Grady. Sean, according to Papa Pat, is the *next* lightweight champion of the world. The *future* lightweight champion is Frank Newton.

A resident of Lawton, Oklahoma, Newton is currently the chief sparring partner of lightweight contender Sean O'Grady. He joined the O'Grady stable in 1978, shortly after completing a two-year hitch in the United States Army.

Newton became interested in boxing at a very young age. His father had been a fighter while in the Army, and constantly rehashed his boxing past with Frank. When the elder Newton died in 1969, his son had already been boxing for three years. Young Newton's amateur career took him to the National Golden Gloves on three occasions, as well as to 125 victories.

He made his pro debut on September 6, 1978, beating Tom Crowley via a six-round decision. Eleven fights later, on April 3, 1980, Newton became lightweight champion of Oklahoma with a unanimous 12-round decision over Ken Saale.

Tremendously quick on his feet and with his hands, Newton—an operator-engineer with the Borden Co.—received a blessing of sorts in early 1980 when Sean was forced to the sidelines after undergoing surgery for the removal of scar tissue over his eyes. The sidelining of Oklahoma City's hottest fistic attraction brought the exciting Newton to headliner status. In that role, fans have given him plenty of support.

To say Newton is a dedicated athlete is an understatement. He works out seven days a week, usually for as much as two hours a day. When asked how serious he is about his boxing career, Newton replies, "I'm very sericus about boxing and about winning a title. You don't think anybody would work this hard every day and subject himself to this kind of punishment unless he was serious, do you?"

"His hard work will pay off," said Pat O'Grady. "You can see his rapid development and rise to world-class standing every time he sets foot in a ring."

Then O'Grady adds, in his thick Oklahoma drawl, "Frank Newton is the future laightweight champeen of the world."

FRANK NEWTON

Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 135 pounds
Amateur Record: 125-5

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 6	Tom Crowley	Oklahoma City	W 6
Nov. 16	Alvin Fowler	Oklahoma City	W 6
Dec. 7	Johnny Sanchez	Oklahoma City	W 6

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 17	Shannon Williams	Oklahoma City	KO 3
July 19	Bill Pearish	Oklahoma City	KO 5
Aug. 3	Tulsa	Tulsa	KO 1
Sept. 20	Al Thompson	Tulsa	KO 3
Oct. 23	Simmie Black	Oklahoma City	KO 2
Dec. 15	Wilborn Lawson	Oklahoma City	D 6

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 9	Gustavo Rodriguez	Oklahoma City	KO 3
Mar. 3	Javier "Raton" Rivas	Oklahoma City	KO 6
Apr. 3	Ken Saale (Won Oklahoma Lightweight Championship)	Oklahoma City	W 12
May 13	Rogelio Castaneda	Oklahoma City	KO 6
July 27	Benny Marquez	Omaha	KO 5
Sept. 9	Victor Cid	Oklahoma City	KO 5
Sept. 25	Billy Moreno	Oklahoma City	KO 9

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
16	15	0	1	11

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

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MARVIN HAGLER

ON NOVEMBER 30, 1979, MARVIN HAGLER attempted to lift the middleweight crown from titleholder Vito Antuofermo. After 15 rounds, Hagler believed he had become the new middleweight champion. The officials didn't. They called the fight a draw.

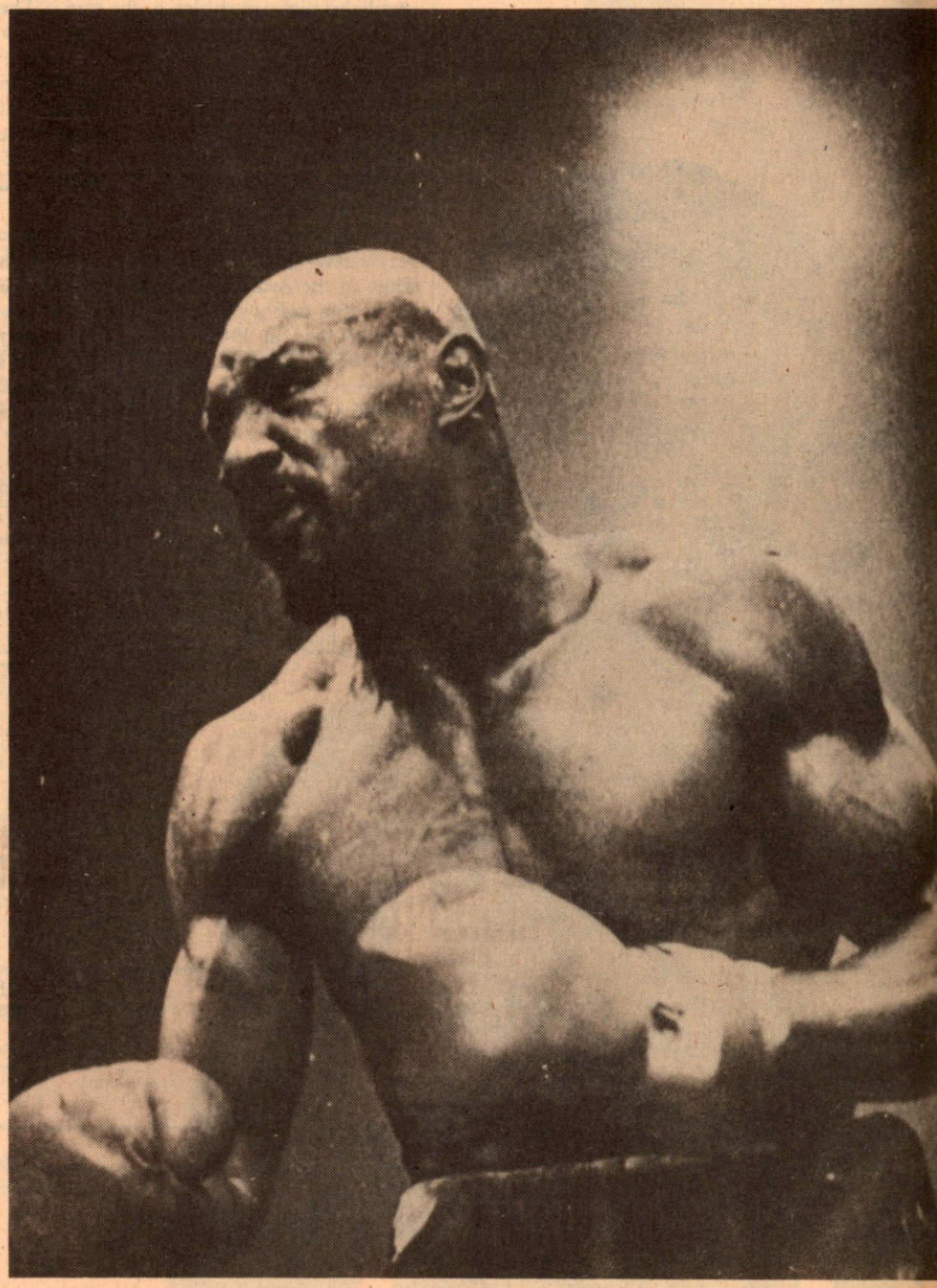
"All that did was make me meaner and more determined," said the shaven-skulled southpaw afterwards. "Next time I won't leave the outcome to the officials. Next time I'll knock him out."

Hagler's "next time" came 10 months later. Only this time the middleweight title belonged to Alan Minter, who had outpointed Antuofermo six months earlier.

"I'll knock him out, too," boasted Hagler. "He's got something I want, and this time I intend to get it. No official or officials are going to keep that championship from going back to Brockton with me." And no official or officials did keep Hagler from bringing the title back to Brockton.

Fighting full of determination and fury, Hagler ripped Minter's face apart, winning the crown on a third-round technical knockout. The championship victory earned Hagler the right to be called *The Ring*'s "Fighter of the Month," as well as a wardrobe fit for a king, compliments of Sasson Jeans, Inc.

Other fighters who were considered for monthly honors are Larry Holmes, who fought—and beat—a legend; Rocky Lockridge, who apparently dethroned Eusebio Pedroza, only to have the victory stolen from him by WBA officials; Allentown, Pa.'s clubfighter, Alseneo Green, who stopped the WBC's top-rated junior welterweight contender, Juan Jose Giminez in the second round (Giminez was not in *The Ring*'s top-10); Saoul Mamby, who successfully defended his WBC junior welterweight crown for the second time, outpointing Maurice "Termite" Watkins; and Leon Spinks, who outpunched and out-gutted *Ring*'s seventh-rated heavyweight (#1 by WBC "experts") Bernardo Mercado.



RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

With more than 5,000 boxers active in the ring today, less than 5% are fortunate enough to possess the skill and the talent to be considered world class; and considered as worthy of a ranking by *The Ring*'s International Ratings Committee as well.

Those deserving of inclusion in *The Ring*'s monthly ratings have merited that consideration on the basis of effort and effort alone. No favoritism, patriotism nor any other "ism" influences *The Ring*'s monthly ratings, which, unlike ratings of the past—both by governing bodies, such as the WBC and the WBA, and some boxing publications—always seemed to revolve around which "ism" was greasing whose palm.

Maybe that's why three vagrant comments, coming as they did from three disparate quarters, brought into focus *The Ring*'s ratings and how they work.

The first comment came from Mike Malitz, a longtime boxing executive, now associated with Top Rank, who asked "Why do you rate Aaron Pryor in the lightweight rankings? He's the Junior Welterweight champion . . . (And) you're taking away a position from another deserving fighter. . ."

The second comment came from Joe Visali, an international booking agent, who cornered this correspondent and asked him to rank "his" fighter. He would, he said, in a heavy-handed manner, give me "a shirt, a suit, or anything else (I) wanted."

And, finally, Paddy Flood, the always affable and well-spoken manager/trainer of Mustafa Hamsho, upon seeing one of *Ring*'s staffers in the Madison Square Garden boxing offices assaulted him on the ratings, saying "I think you should take Hamsho out of your ratings. He's an Arab . . . And I *know* you wouldn't want one in *your* ratings. . ."

All three remarks have one thing in common: They all exhibit the same lack of awareness of how *The Ring* ratings really work.

The Ring ratings are meant to reflect a fighter's ability, as determined by 50 panelists from around the world who vote on a fighter's record, his recent activity and the quality of his competition. Regardless of whether a fighter is already a champion in another division, as are both Aaron Pryor and Wilfredo Gomez, this does not mean he is not deserving of recognition in another division where he is actively campaigning—as was, say, Archie Moore, light heavyweight champion of the world in 1955 who campaigned as, and was rated as the Number One heavyweight. Moreover, there is no "For Sale" sign up on the front lawn of the Panelists, each one of whom is dedicated to boxing, not the sale of his birthright. And, finally, it must be noted that those deemed worthy of consideration are there on merit alone, not because of *who* they are, but what they are; namely, world class fighters, independent of race, creed, or national origin.

That's three good reasons *The Ring* Ratings work. And will continue to do so!

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1. Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
4. Nino Valdes, Cuba
5. Earl Walls, Canada
6. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
7. Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
8. Don Cockell, England
9. Franco Cavicchi, Italy
10. John Holman, Chicago Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
1. James Carter, New York, N.Y.
2. Duilio Loi, Italy
3. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
4. Frankie Ryff, New York, N.Y.
5. Cisco Andrade, Compton Calif.
6. Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich.
7. Joe Lopes, Sacramento, Calif.
8. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
9. Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
10. Arthur Persley, Red Cross, La.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
4. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, BWI.
5. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
6. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
7. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
8. Willi Hoepner, Germany
9. Chuck Speiser, Lansing, Mich.
10. Ron Barton, England

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
2. Ray Famechon, France
3. Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
4. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. Billy Kelly, Ireland
6. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
7. Lauro Salas, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Fred Galiana, Spain
9. Flash Elorde, Philippines
10. Shigeru Kaneko, Japan

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
1. Charley Humez, France
2. Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
3. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, O.
4. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
5. Holly Mims, Washington, D.C.
6. Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N.Y.
7. Bobby Dykes, Miami, Fla.
8. Milo Savage, Salt Lake City, Utah
9. Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
10. Artie Towne, N.Y.C.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1. Willie Toweel, South Africa
2. Mario D'Agata, Italy
3. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Hilaire Pratesi, France
5. Andre Valignat, France
6. Raton Macias, Mexico
7. Jose Lopez, Mexico
8. Emil Chemama, France
9. Little Cezar, Philippines
10. Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
1. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
2. Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
4. Vince Martinez, Paterson, N.J.
5. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
7. Joe Miceli, New York, N.Y.
8. Hector Constance, Trinidad, BWI.
9. Isaac Logart, Cuba
10. Chico Vejar, Stamford, Conn.

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
2. Young Martin, Spain
3. Danny Kid, Philippines
4. Dai Dower, Wales
5. Jake Tuli, South Africa
6. Tanny Campo, Philippines
7. Nazzareno Gianelli, Italy
8. Oscar Suarez, Cuba
9. Memo Diez, Mexico
10. Hitoshi Misako, Japan

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GENUINE

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
3 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
4 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
5 **Leon Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
6 **Marty Monroe** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
8 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
9 **Bernardo Mercado** . . . . . Colombia
10 **John Tate** . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Muhammad Ali, 12. Scott LeDoux, 13. Leroy Jones, 14. Ossie Ocasio, 15. Eddie "Animal" Lopez, 16. James "Quick" Tillis, 17. Randall "Tex" Cobb, 18. Pinklon Thomas, 19. Stan Ward, 20. George Chaplin, 21. Marvin Stinson, 22. Renaldo Snipes, 23. Randy Mack, 24. Jimmy Abbott, 25. John L. Gardner

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD** . . . . . Phil., Pa.
1 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad*** . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
2 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
3 **Jerry Martin** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **Michael Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
5 **Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
6 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **Lotte Mwale** . . . . . Zambia
8 **Marvin Camel** . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
9 **Jesse Burnett** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **John Conteh** . . . . . England

11. Mustapha Wasajja, 12. Mike Rossman, 13. Carlos DeLeon, 14. Rudi Koopmans, 15. Jerry Celestine, 16. Murray Sutherland, 17. Pablo Ramos, 18. Eddie Davis, 19. Hocine Tafer, 20. Richie Kates, 21. Vonzell Johnson

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Alan Minter** . . . . . England
2 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit
3 **Vito Antuofermo** . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
4 **Fulgencio Obel** . . . . . Venezuela
5 **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
7 **Ronnie Harris** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
8 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . Port Arthur, Texas
9 **Matteo Salvemini** . . . . . Italy
10 **Marcos Geraldo** . . . . . Mexico

11. Vinnie Curto, 12. Mike Colbert, 13. Ray Seales, 14. Ernie Singletary, 15. Tony Sibson, 16. Loucif Hamani, 17. Sammy NeSmith, 18. Bruce McIntyre, 19. Norberto Cabrera, 20. Ruben Pardo, 21. William "Caveman" Lee

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

AYUB KALULE* . . . . . Denmark
1 **Maurice Hope**** . . . . . England
2 **Kenny Bristol** . . . . . Guyana
3 **Tony Chiaverini** . . . . . Kansas City, Mo.
4 **Roger Leonard** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
5 **Rocky Mattioli** . . . . . Australia
6 **Rocky Mosley, Jr.** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
7 **Milton Owens** . . . . . Orlando, Fla.
8 **Tyrone Rackley** . . . . . Phoenix, Ariz.
9 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
10 **Walter Gomez** . . . . . Argentina

11. Nick Ortiz, 12. Steve Delgado, 13. Zeferino Gonzalez, 14. Tadashi Mijara, 15. Marijan Benes, 16. Ray Hammond, 17. Babilah McCarthy, 18. Andoni Amana, 19. Nicanor Camacho, 20. Sandy Torres, 21. Luigi Minchillo

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN** . . . . . Panama
1 **Thomas Hearns*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Ray Leonard** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
3 **Wilfred Benitez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
6 **Pete Ranzany** . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.
7 **Adolfo Viruet** . . . . . Hoboken, N.J.
8 **Jorgen Hansen** . . . . . Denmark
9 **Luis Primero** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Josef Nsubuga** . . . . . Uganda

11. Larry Bonds, 12. Clint Jackson, 13. Greg Stephens, 14. Johnny Turner, 15. Luis Resto, 16. Harold Volbrecht, 17. Victor Martinez, 18. Mario Guilotti, 19. Dave Green, 20. Tito Yanni

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York
2 **Antonio Cervantes** . . . . . Colombia
3 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . Zaire
4 **Sang-Hyun Kim** . . . . . Korea
5 **Lennox Blackmoore** . . . . . Guyana
6 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
7 **Domingo Ayala** . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Teo Ozuna** . . . . . Dominican Republic
9 **Sal Lopez** . . . . . Sacramento, Cal.
10 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.

11. Bruce Curry, 12. Monroe Brooks, 13. Roberto Alfaro, 14. Hugo Luero, 15. Maurice Watkins, 16. Jeff Malcolm, 17. Cristobal Torres, 18. Mark Ibanez, 19. Hugo Rengifo, 20. Giuseppe Martinez, 21. Sammy Ayala, 22. Obisia Nwakpa

How *The Ring* International Ratings Panel works: Boxing authorities from all five major continents have submitted their ballots—marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under *The Ring*'s champion—to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions as of October 4, 1980. Their ballots were then weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. (In some instances there are ties. This month, however, there are none.) After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

(AS OF OCTOBER 4, 1980)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing).

***WBA champion** ****WBC champion**

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Hilmer Kenty*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
3 **Alexis Arguello** . . . . . Nicaragua
4 **Jim Watt**** . . . . . Scotland
5 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
6 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
7 **Rodolfo Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Ernesto Espana** . . . . . Venezuela
9 **Sean O'Grady** . . . . . Oklahoma City, Ok.
10 **Vilomar Fernandez** . . . . . Dominican Rep.

11. Johnny Lira, 12. Edwin Viruet, 13. Julio (Diablito) Valdes, 14. Gonzallo Montellano, 15. Herman Montes, 16. Leonidas Asprilla, 17. Andy Ganigan, 18. Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 19. Jorge Morales, 20. Charlie Nash, 21. Sergio Alvarez, 22. Francisco Leon

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

YASUTSUNE UEHARA* . . . . . Japan
1 **Alexis Arguello**** . . . . . Nicaragua
2 **Samuel Serrano** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Roberto Elizondo** . . . . . Corpus Christi, Tex.
5 **Idelfonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Frankie Baltazar** . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
7 **Victor Echegaray** . . . . . Argentina
8 **Oscar Arnal** . . . . . Venezuela
9 **Greg Coverson** . . . . . Kalamazoo, Mich.
10 **Rodolfo Sanchez** . . . . . Spain

11. Pat Ford, 12. Ruben Riani, 13. Reynaldo Hidalgo, 14. Johnny Aba, 15. Rolando Navarette, 16. Robert Mullens, 17. Ryu Fukida, 18. Carlos Pinango, 19. Lobo Morales

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
3 **Danny Lopez** . . . . . Alhambra, Calif.
4 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
5 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
6 **Patrick Ford** . . . . . Guyana
7 **Juan Malvarez** . . . . . Argentina
8 **Roberto Castanon** . . . . . Spain
9 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
10 **Luis Avila** . . . . . Panama

11. Juan Escobar, 12.Rolando Navarette, 13. Paul Ferreri, 14. Guillermo Morales, 15. Noel Arriesgado, 16. Johnny Sato, 17. Pat Cowdell, 18. Alberto Collazo, 19. Francisco Manzo

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Sergio Palma*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
3 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
4 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
6 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . S. Korea
7 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
8 **Carmelo Negron** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
9 **Jose Cervantes** . . . . . Colombia
10 **Derrik Holmes** . . . . . New Carrollton, Md.

11. Frankie Duarte, 12. Carlos Mendoza, 13. Edwin Rosario, 14. Juan (Kid) Meza, 15. Javier Flores, 16. Ric Diamale, 17. Soon-Hyun Chung, 18. Juan Antonio Lopez, 19. Jaime Garza

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

JULIAN SOLIS* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Jorge Lujan** . . . . . Panama
3 **Alberto Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Jeff Chandler** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Rafael Orono** . . . . . Venezuela
8 **Johnny Carter** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
9 **Jose R. Narvaez** . . . . . Argentina
10 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan

11. Jose Uziga, 12. Julio Saba, 13. Shuchi Isogami, 14. Ricardo Bennett, 15. Norberto Cabrera, 16. Ramon Soria, 17. Takeshi Uezo

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SHOJI OGUMA** . . . . . Japan
1 **Yoko Gushiken** . . . . . Japan
2 **Tae-Shik Kim*** . . . . . South Korea
3 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
4 **Guty Espadas** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Chan-Hee Park** . . . . . Korea
6 **Betulio Gonzalez** . . . . . Venezuela
7 **Luis Ibarra** . . . . . Panama
8 **Charlie Magri** . . . . . England
9 **Joey Olivo** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Antonio Avelar** . . . . . Mexico

11. Jovito Rengifo, 12. Martin Vargas, 13. Sung-Jun Kim, 14. Shigeo Nakajima, 15. Gustavo Ballas, 16. Orlando Maldonado, 17. Willie Jensen, 18 Pedro Flores, 19. Rey Melendez, 20. German Torres, 21. Peter Mathebula, 22. Yong-Hyun Kim

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FIGHT OF THE MONTH

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PEDROZA-LOCKRIDGE
WBA Featherweight Title

McAFEE, N.J.—It was a case of "too much too soon" for Rocky Lockridge.

The USBA and New Jersey State featherweight champion had looked very impressive in compiling a 16-0 record, the last 14 of those fights in the local area. His biggest win was a 12-round unanimous decision over Gerald Hayes on September 18, 1979 for the latter's N.J. 126-poung title. Since then, he'd scored eight straight kayoes, bowling over Sammy Goss, Fel Clemente, and Livio Nolasco, among others.

Local fans were growing wild over Rocky. He was strong, exciting, durable, and very, very determined. He was also managed by Lou Duva of Totowa and trained by the respected Georgie Benton.

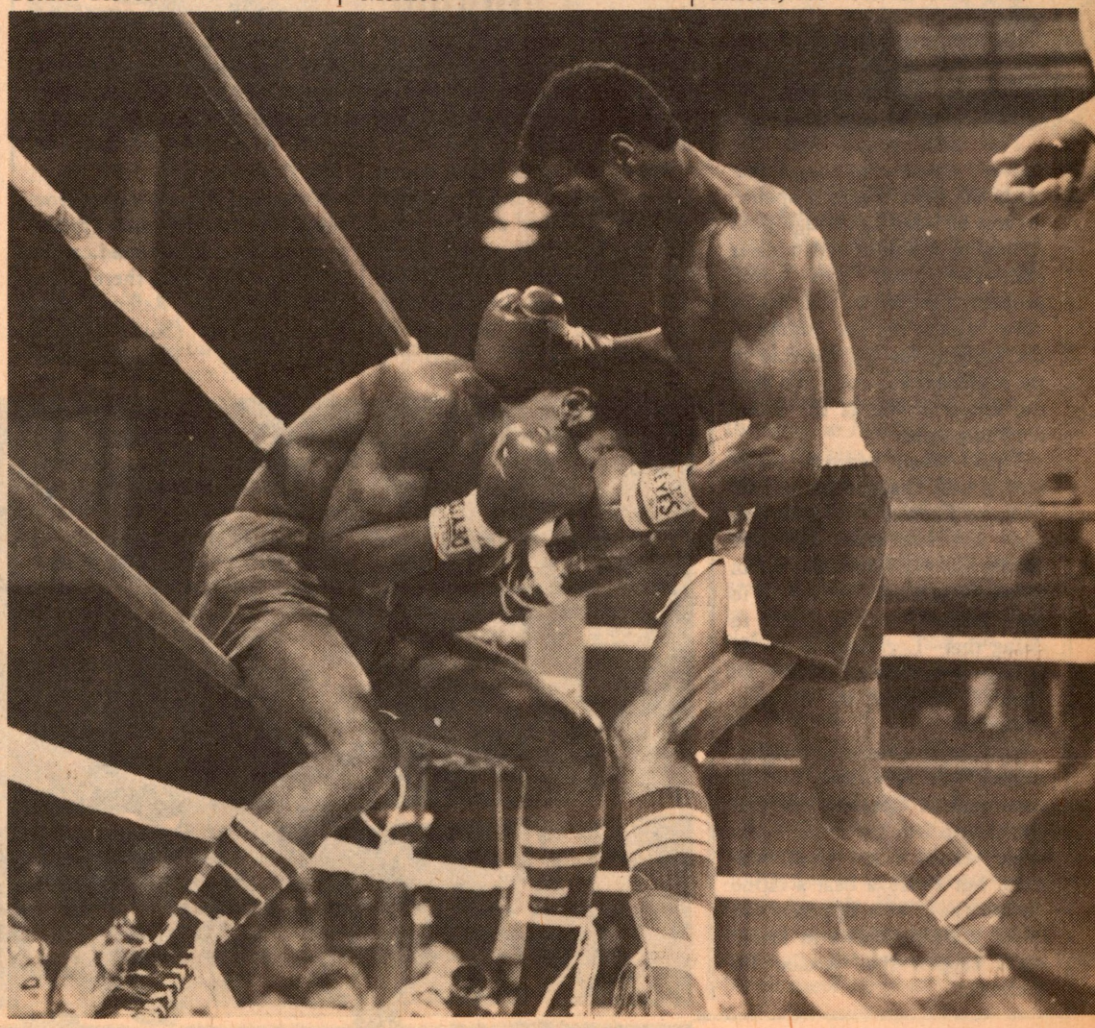
Enter WBA featherweight champ Eusebio Pedroza, who'd never fought in the east, where most boxing people regarded one-punch kayo artist Danny Lopez, and then Salvador Sanchez, as the real champions. Pedroza was tall (5'9") for a featherweight, and had defended his crown nine times since winning it from Cecilio Lastra in Panama City (Eusebio's birthplace) in April, 1978. But few of his fights were ever televised, and most of his victories were over foreign fighters New York-Philly area fans had never seen, or cared about. Pedroza's only appearance in the U.S. had been in Houston on July 21, 1979, when he'd stopped Ruben Olivares in 12 rounds. But Olivares, everybody knew, was washed up by that time. And hadn't Pedroza been stopped by Alfonso Zamora in four rounds in 1976, when he was still a bantamweight?

Sure, Rocky Lockridge had had only 16 fights in the pro racket, but he'd compiled a 210-8 log in the amateurs, winning two AAU titles and the National Golden Gloves.

The feeling was that Eusebio's long left jab wouldn't be enough to keep off the strong Lockridge. The challenger's pressure would be just too much, and Pedroza would fade in the later rounds, enabling the 21-year-old challenger to either stop him or walk off with the decision when the two met in their title bout at the Great Gorge Playboy Club in McAfee.

The crowd was all for Lockridge, and they showed it everytime he landed. As things turned out, however, there just weren't enough cheers—or, enough Rocky punches.

The first round was pretty even, with Pedroza feeling out his challenger and Lockridge pressing forward. Eusebio tied Rocky up on numerous occasions, but Rock forced him to



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the ropes as the round ended.

Lockridge won the second round. He forced Eusebio to the ropes again and later landed a good left-right to the face. Another hard right later in the frame made it conclusive.

The third round was what most boxing pros expected all the early frames would be like, as Pedroza kept Lockridge at bay with his long left throughout most of the session. Good combos from the *alto* Panamanian just made it more convincing.

Lockridge came back to take the fourth round, pressuring Pedroza and landing with a solid right hand to the face.

The fifth round was the "pivot" frame—the round that made the fight. Pedroza opened up and battered Lockridge from all angels. A fighter with a lesser chin—and lesser guts—would probably have wilted, but Rocky came back in the last minute of the session, forcing Eusebio to the ropes and knocking him onto the center strand as the frame drew to a close.

That's when Pedroza, as he later stated, changed his tactics. "I knew I couldn't hold him off with the left jab," the still champ said (in Spanish) to me in his dressing room, "so I went to fight inside. I took a chance in doing that—Lockridge is a very strong—but realized I had no choice." Happily, for Pedroza, it worked.

The sixth, seventh, and eighth rounds were very close, but the consensus of opinion was that the champ had the edge. Lockridge landed a few good punches, but Pedroza beat a tattoo on his chest with uppercuts in close. Slashing blows in round eight capped that session for Pedroza.

It was in the ninth, however, that Eusebio took charge. He hit Rocky from all angles—underneath, straight, and over the top with both hands. Rocky got in one good right—about the only punch he landed in the session.

Lockridge came back in the 10th round. Pedroza hurt him in the opening minute, but Rocky fought back hard and landed two good rights. Pedroza went on the defensive, as Lockridge spent the remainder of the round boring in. Rocky's canto by a hair.

Lockridge's best round was probably the 11th, the last frame that he won. He threw more punches than before, and landed with some good rights and a left. It was "The Last Hurrah" for Rocky.

Lockridge started the 12th session well, but then Pedroza really went to town—throwing blows from everywhere, and landing almost all of them.

Rocky had never fought a man like this before, and it showed. He didn't throw enough punches, in that round or any other. Sammy Goss had been a corpse when Lockridge knocked him out; so had Fel Clemente. In Pedroza, Rocky was fighting a fine champion at the top of his form. He'd expected Eusebio to wilt under pressure and a few good rights, but he was wrong! So were Rocky's many fans.

The 13th was the same—Pedroza. Rocky landed one good right hand, but it just wasn't enough.

The 14th round was when Pedroza went to town. An uppercut—one of a hundred punches Rocky took—hurt Lockridge. He hung on, but he was almost out on his feet, and Pedroza hit him with everything but the kitchen sink. I gave this round to the champion by two points on the 10-point must system without batting an eye.

The last round was anticlimactic. Both men were tired, and though Lockridge tried to pull it out, the punches that he threw lacked steam. I called this frame even.

The Ring scorecard was 146-140, Pedroza.

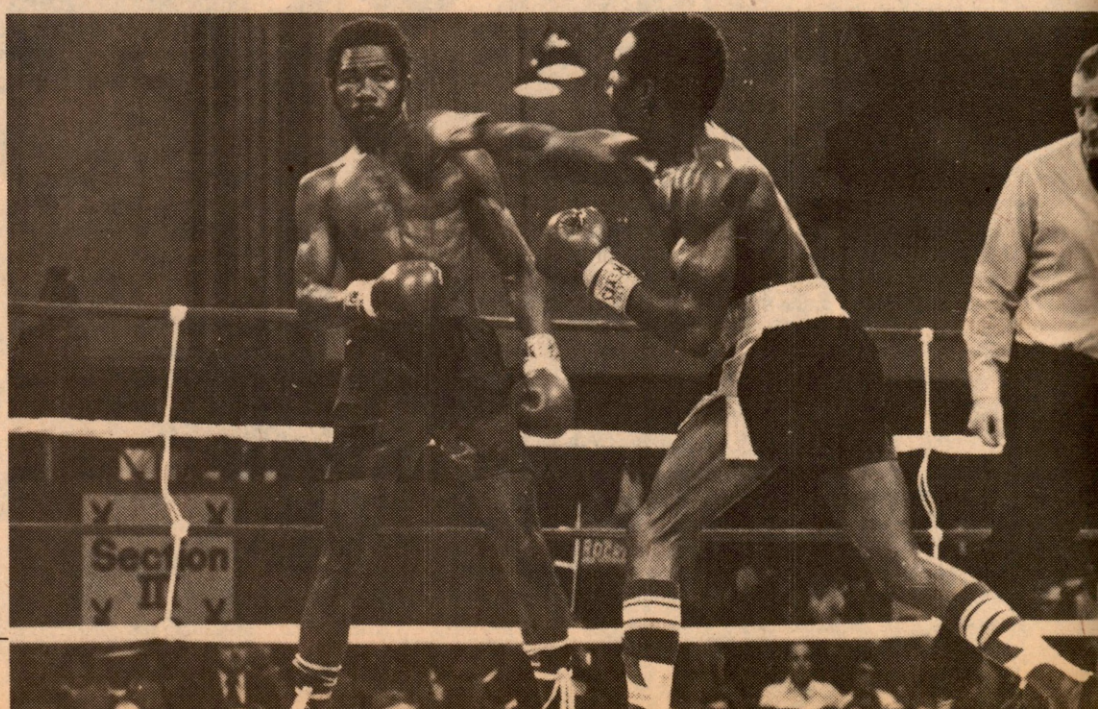
Voices of dissent—even from some of Rocky's most ardent supporters—were raised when the announcer said there was a *split* decision. Referee Stan Christodoulou (South Africa) and judge Rodolfo Hill (Panama) had it for Pedroza, 147-141 and 149-139, respectively, but New York-New Jersey judge Harold Lederman gave it to Lockridge by two points, 144-142. It's not easy to score fights at the Playboy Club, as I'd remarked to Harold earlier. How can a guy look at the ring with all those gorgeous bunnies?

The winner-and-still-champion was revealed to be an extremely courteous young man as he soaked his left hand in a vat of oranges and water in his dressing room. He also revealed that he'd hurt that left hand in the third round, when he crashed a hard jab to his challenger's forehead.

"Lockridge," said the champion "was determined to be champion. You could see it in his face. I will give such a man a rematch anytime." Eusebio is married, incidentally, to a lovely girl named Rosa, and is managed—perhaps not so incidentally—by Santiago del Rio.

But the story did not end quite so happily-ever-after for the family from Panama—at least not right away. Trouble was around the corner.

Frankie Belmont, a technician



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for New Jersey public television, saw Pedroza in his corner on his monitor between rounds. Something had been put into his mouth between frames besides his mouthpiece.

"I am a sportsman," said Pedroza when confronted with the charge. "I have faith in God that I have never taken any foreign substance—just a piece of ice. That is allowed in any part of the world. Water is Water.

The reporters viewed the playback on the monitor. Clearly, *something* was put in the champion's mouth. It looked to this reporter like it might have been a small piece of ice. Gil Clancy said it was too small to be ice, but ice can be secured in any size, as far as I know. Rich Wallace of the Passaic *Herald News* was seated near Pedroza's corner, and told me that the champ sucked on ice "throughout the fight." Eusebio took a urine test under the supervision of Jersey Joe Walcott, Bob Lee, and the Commission doctor, Cassidy.

This reporter is convinced, however, that nothing in his urine makes Eusebio Pedroza a champion. It's in his blood.

Mike (Nino) Gonzalez, 151½, Bayonne, N.J., won unanimous decision over Earl Liburd, 153¼, Jersey City, N.J., 10. Scoring: referee Larry Hazzard, 8-1-1 (49-40); judge Paul Cavalier, 8-1-1 (49-42); judge Charley Spina, 8-2 (48-41).

Jorge Alvarado, 130, Panama, won unanimous decision over Gerald Hayes, 129, Newark, N.J., 10. Scoring: referee Tony Perez, 6-3-1 (47-44); judge Cavalier, 5-4-1 (46-45); judge Spina, 6-4 (46-44).

Junior Edmunds, 171½, Newark, N.J., won unanimous decision over Bill Tuttle, 175, Baltimore, Md., six. Scoring: referee Perez, 6-0 (30-24); judge Cavalier, 5-1 (29-25); judge Spina, 6-0 (30-24).

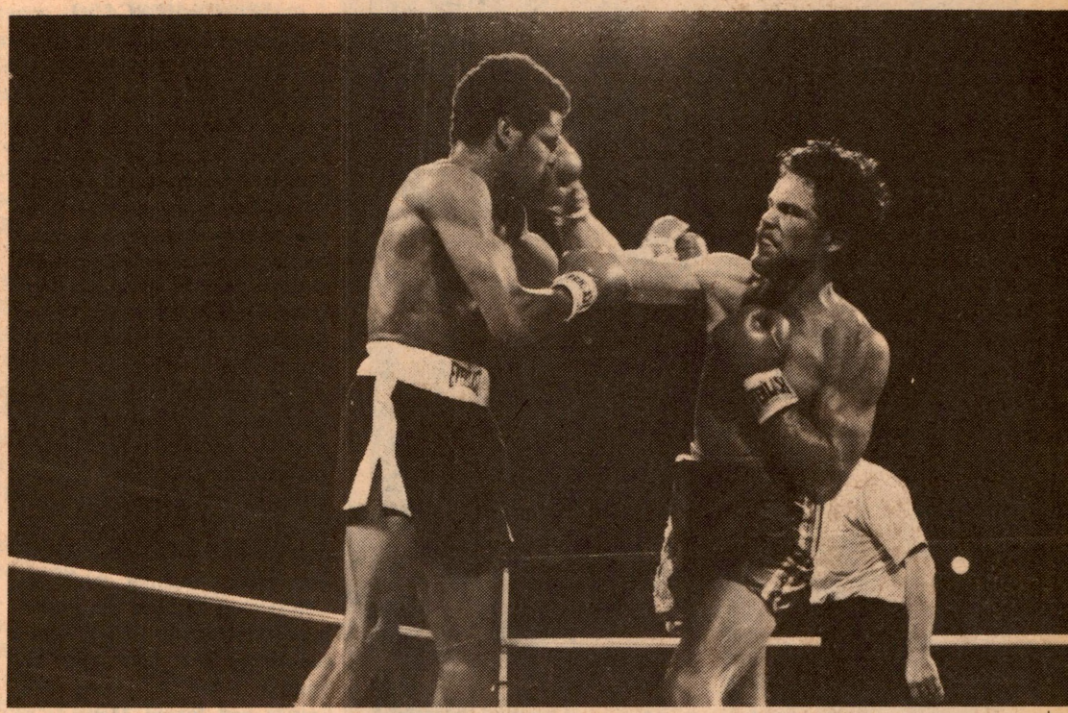
Robert Sawyer, 147½, Vineland, N.J., TKO'd Eric Perea, 146½, Panama. Larry Hazzard, referee. Sawyer knocked Perea down in the first round; Perea knocked Sawyer down and almost out at the end of the second round; commission doctor would not let Perea answer the bell for round three because of a cut near his eye. Scheduled six-rounder.

Kerry Judge, 215, Atlantic City, N.J., won unanimous decision over Kid Sampson, 190, Philadelphia, Pa., four. Scoring: referee Perez, 2-1-1 (19-18), judge Cavalier, 2-1-1 (19-18); judge Spina, 4-0 (20-16).

Dennis Mulligan, 152¼, Emerson, N.J., TKO'd Tony Barnes, 155½, Newark, N.J., at 2:47 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder. Referee Hazzard stopped the contest with Barnes in deep trouble. Mulligan was knocked down twice in the first round.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN



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MAMBY WATKINS
WBC Junior Welterweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Sweet Saoul Mamby battled the heat of the night and the fury of his opponent to maintain his WBC junior welterweight title with a 15-round unanimous decision.

Mamby, 138½, tackled Maurice "Termite" Watkins, 140, in his second title defense. Their championship bout was a featured event on the undercard of the Muhammad Ali-Larry Holmes hoopla at Caesars Palace Outdoor Arena in Las Vegas.

Mamby's prime weapon was his frustrating left jab—which kept Watkins off balance for most of the 15 rounds.

The opening round saw Watkins leading with his own left—only to be countered by Mamby's shots to his midsection and the champion's elusive moves from every angle.

The second round was more of the same, with Watkins throwing lefts and Mamby moving to fend off the blows.

The third round saw street-brawl action, with both fighters working at full fury. The round was a constant exchange of body blows and combinations—with Watkins crouching, clinching, and holding.

Watkins was the aggressor in the fourth, fifth, and sixth rounds . . . leading with his lefts, followed by combinations. Mamby, however, countered with his own lefts and rights to his opponent's head; and was pounding Watkins against the ropes in the sixth session.

Mamby began the seventh round with a series of overhand lefts and flurries to Watkins' midsection. And from this point on, it was all Mamby's fight, as he kept his opponent at bay with hard combinations and brutal lefts. Watkins' constant habit of crouching to elude the blows was to no avail, as Mamby hit him with crisp lefts every time he straightened up.

Mamby had Watkins in serious trouble in the eighth round with a brutal right-left combination followed by a left to the head. Mamby's right hand was hurt in the flurry, but this did not hamper his ensuing action.

Watkins miraculously survived the round . . . and went on to last the 15-round distance.

The later rounds were more of the same, as Mamby continually beat Watkins to the punch, stayed inside his wide swings, and hammered his head and body with rights and lefts.

But the tiring Watkins never gave up the fight. He continued to swing with both lefts and rights, although most of his punches were ineffective.

Watkins came out swinging in the 14th round, but was instantly met by solid Mamby combinations to his head, followed by lefts and right uppercuts.

The 15th round saw Mamby working furiously to Watkins' midsection in an all-out effort to retain his title. Watkins was unable to counter the Mamby madness, and the bout ended with Sweet Saoul's title still intact.

Spinks has Mercado on the ropes in round two.

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Scoring for the bout was: Judge Harold Buck, 146-140; Dimas Fernandez, 147-139; Hank Elespuruh, 147-141. The referee was Mills Lane of Reno, Nevada.

Following the bout, the victorious Mamby explained his somewhat sluggish performance. "I couldnt get started in the 90 degree heat," he said. "I felt very sloppy." About his opponent, he stated, "He wasn't any better than I expected. It's just that I wasn't as good as I thought I'd be. When I hurt my hand in the eighth round, I figured 'Be cool—and take it to the distance' ".

The defeated Watkins stated, "He's an unorthodox fighter; and he kept me off balance and did his job. I didn't get to do what I really wanted to do. If I had it to do over again, I'd be more consistent, and use more rights and combinations".

SHIRLEY NORMAN

SPINKS-MERCADO

After a delay of some 10 minutes—he was also late for the weighin by more than half an hour—former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks finally arrived in the ring and began a total destruction of the myth—created, primarily, by the WBC ratings committee—that Bernardo Mercado was the premiere challenger for the world heavyweight title.

The opening round, which featured as much leather being thrown as any recent major heavyweight bout, saw both boxers going for an early knockout. Spinks' offense consisted of his familiar forward movement and whirlwind punching, while the Colombian, for the most part, backpedalled and tried to land a countering left hook. By the midway point of round two, Spinks had forced Mercado to the ropes, where the South American seemed to stay for the majority of the remainder of the contest, and Leon began the vicious body attack which was Mercado's downfall.

Round three began with the 6'3" 219-pound Mercado standing in midring, attempting to use his advantage in reach to keep Spinks at a distance. But, when he is in the mood, Spinks is as determined as any heavyweight of recent times. On this evening, he was simply too aggressive for Mercado. The round's conclusion saw Mercado, who was undoubtedly feeling the effects of Leon's punches to the belly, holding on and needing considerable attention from his seconds between rounds.

Except for brief flurries by Mercado in the opening seconds of rounds six and seven, the remainder of the contest was completely dominated by Spinks. The former champion landed virtually at will with a left jab-right cross combination, and with roundhouse left hooks to the ribs and head. Midway through round nine, the 204½-pound Spinks landed a particularly hard hook to Mercado's face which spun the Colombian in a semi-circle. Following up on this advantage, Leon hit Mercado with three more similar shots which had Bernardo virtually out on his feet, seemingly resting on the second turnbuckle when referee Ferd Hernandez stepped in and halted matters at 2:52.

Mercado had reportedly gone through a month-long period of training at a camp near the residence of his manager (infamous brothel owner Joe Conforte) in Reno, but he showed virtually no skills that would make him marketable as a major heavyweight contender in the future. His inability to score against Spinks (Leon's never been known for his defensive abilities) was particularly alarming. As for Spinks, this fine win may have earned him a chance to regain the heavyweight title.

Leon and his camp need to get their act together before he can be given more than a "puncher's chance" to wrest the crown from Holmes. In addition to the previously mentioned late arrival at the weigh-in, Leon was fined (reportedly $5,000 out of a $100,000 purse) for the antics of his cornermen during the contest. At least twice, they climbed onto the ring apron while a round was in progress, and reportedly cursed Nevada State Commission officials when they were asked to get down.

C.A. JACKSON

DOKES-FISCHER

There is only one thing worse than a mismatch. That one thing is a one-sided bout in which the mismatched fighter—refusing to believe he cannot win—keeps trying bravely but in vain for victory. In those kind of fights,

the rounds seem to drag on, and on, and . . . So it was with Michael Dokes against Tom Fischer.

The scheduled 10-round bout led off proceedings as part of the Larry Holmes-Muhammad Ali undercard. It was 4:30 p.m. and nearly 100 degrees when the fight began inside the canopy-covered ring in the makeshift arena built in a parking lot in back of Caesars Palace. Reporters were soaked with perspiration before the bout was even one round old. It was a tribute to the condition of both combatants that they were able to fight in that strength-sapping heat. Special tribute must be paid to Fischer, who admirably fought round after round while soaking up tremendous punishment. Lesser men would have wilted earlier.

For Fischer, 209, who is known as "Ruffhouse," it was simply a rough evening. At no time did he display rough tactics or even a semblance or world-class ability. Perhaps the heat affected him more than it did Dokes. Perhaps Dokes affected him more than the heat did. More than likely Dokes could have whipped him in any weather. It was not a fight fans will dwell upon past this story.

Fischer, 29, Dayton, Ohio, had come into the fight with an advertised record of 35-4. Many of those fights can be obtained by calling Fischer's wife, who it has been said, "Has the complete record." Hmm. Dokes, 22, Akron, Ohio, had come into the fight at 18-0-1, including eight knockout victories. That much was certain.

Using his greater speed of hand, Dokes, 217, ripped volleys of punches off Fischer's easily accessible face from the opening bell. Using his greater foot speed and mobility, Dokes was able to stay out of range from any offense Fischer would attempt.

By the fourth round, Fischer was bleeding from his right eye, from his mouth and from what looked to be a small slice on his shaven skull. By round six his pale face was smeared in his own blood. Yet he kept pressing forward, hoping to land the one punch that might turn the fight around. All he got for his nonstop efforts was an impaling on the end of Dokes' incredible left jab.

"Stop it, already!", came cries from ringside reporters and from fans who had survived being roasted in the brutal heat.

Dokes stopped it.

In the seventh round, a terrific left hook slammed into the right side of Fischer's body. He sank to one knee in Dokes' corner, where he was counted out at 1:17 of the round. Nobody could honestly say they weren't glad to see it end.

"I didn't exert myself in that heat," said the talented Dokes afterwards. "Now I want Gerry Cooney. If I beat him, I can't be denied a title shot."

Michael "Dynamite" Dokes vs. "Gentleman" Gerry Cooney. Now that's a fight!

RANDY GORDON

A dejected Alan Minter has his cuts looked over. Hagler TKO'd him in the third.

HAGLER-MINTER
World Middleweight Title

LONDON, ENGLAND—Bottles, cans, and other missles showered into the Wembley Pool ring as "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Massachusetts, U.S.A., was escorted to his dressing room by six policemen. Hagler couldn't even wait for the official announcement that he was now the undisputed middleweight champion of the world.

Marvin had stopped title holder Alan Minter, England, at 1:45 of the third round. Referee Carlos Berrocal, Panama, intervened when Minter had four separate cuts around the eyes, necessitating 15 stitches.

Some fans seated in the top tiers obviously thought the cuts were caused by Hagler's head. They started throwing things, and the scenes that followed were disgraceful, the worst ever at a British fight venue.

People in the ringside seats, including several women, had to duck for cover. Some even dived under the ring.

As soon as Hagler realized he'd won, he sank to his knees in an attitude of prayer, whereupon a bottler just missed him. A fan then tried to attack him in the ring and was promptly arrested.

Hagler, with his handlers around him for protection and helped by a police escort, was smuggled to his dressing room.

It was alleged that one badly directed beer can actually hit Minter, who remained in the ring with towels around his head to stop the bleeding.

The mood of the fans was obvious and ugly as the boxers climbed into the ring. Minter was greeted with deafening cheers, befitting a world champion fighting before his own supporters, Hagler with boos and shouts of "Go home, you bum, go home."

Then came the playing of the national anthems, with the British fans, led by Minter, singing "God Save The Queen" as if they were getting ready for another world war.

When the two boxers were brought together in the center of the ring, Minter stared straight into his opponent's eyes, poker faced, *a la* Joe Louis.

Minter was off his stool like a flash at the opening bell, taking the play to the challenger. Hagler was only too keen to join

in, and these two southpaws provided brisk exchanges.

If Minter had hoped to take Hagler by surprise, he was mistaken. In fact, he played right into the challenger's hands. Marvin obviously enjoyed a battle. it meant he didn't have to use up energy chasing his man. That suited him just fine.

Hagler had to skip around for about half an hour before he could make the required 160 at the weigh in, but he showed no signs of weakness. He appeared to punch harder in that first round, and, within a minute, Minter was cut under the left eye.

Minter, 159¾, was given a long talk by manager Doug Bidwell at the end of the first session. The last thing Bidwell said to him was "Settle down."

Alan, though, did not heed the advice. He continued to come forward, instead of using his normal jab-and-move tactics.

Hagler scored with left hands over the top. Minter persisted, however, and succeeded in stopping his man in his tracks with a hard right hook. Then the champ came forward, both hands blazing. The crowd chanted, "Minter! Minter!" and, for just a moment, Alan seemed to be on top.

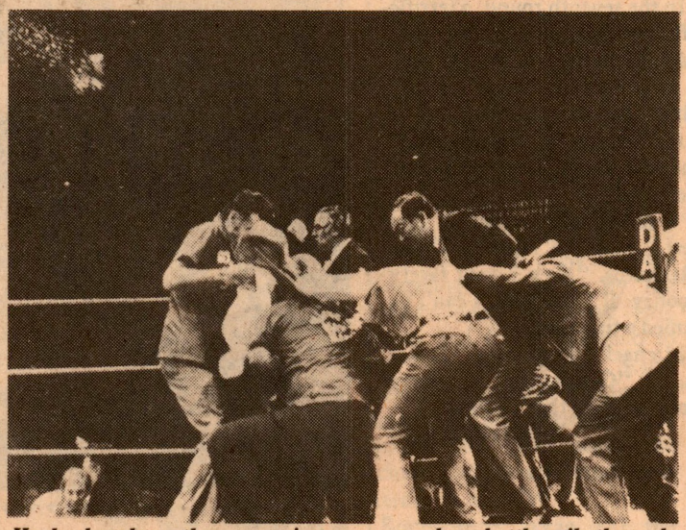
Hagler, however, is made of stern stuff. He weathered the storm, and was soon trading punch for punch. Hooks, uppercuts, and swings met Minter as he charged forward almost recklessly. There was now a cut by Alan's right eye, and a bleeding nose.

Hagler just couldn't believe his own good fortune. Minter was wasting his advantages in height and reach, and finding it difficult to operate with so many cuts.

There was power in the American's fists, and he looked a fearsome specimen as his shaven head tucked in under the champ's chin. But there was no evidence of butting or of anything illegal. Hagler was fighting a perfectly fair fight, and possessed skill in attack and defense.

Minter was getting desperate in round three, while Hagler looked more confident. Alan realized his only chance of winning was to try and stop his man, and he launched an attack that showed plenty of courage, but had no effect.

Hagler met him, again, punch for punch. The champion now had four cuts, and his sight was obviously affected. Hagler began to open up, and sent the title holder spinning backwards with a vicious right hook.



Hagler kneels on the canvas in prayer as a beer bottle sails through the air. The crowd at Wembley Pool went mad when English boxer Minter was ruled out at 1:45 of the third session.

The American now sensed the kill. He menacingly moved in, but the champ retaliated with a flurry of punches. They clinched, and the referee stopped the action to take Minter back to his corner and beckon manager Doug Bidwell. A quick discussion on the extent of the injuries followed, with Bidwell deciding that a stoppage was inevitable.

A plastic surgeon treated Minter in his dressing room behind closed doors. There were at least 15 stitches. Every one of Alan's losses as a pro have been because of cuts around the eyes. But he went out like a champion should.

A few after-the-fight quotes—

MINTER: "I thought I had him going in round two, but he was still strong. I was wrong and paid the price. We had agreed that I should not get involved in the first five rounds, but I didn't box according to plans. I just blew it. It was my fault for having a fight with him. The mood I was in I would have had a fight with anyone. There was no deliberate butting, although I did feel his head a couple of times. I don't want to make excuses. As to a return—it's in the contract. He's got to fight me again. Anyway, I shall have six months off. I've learned my lesson. I should have moved and moved, but that's how I am.

BIDWELL: "The referee called me in. I stopped the fight. We had to come out at that stage. The cuts were too serious to continue. Ignoring the way Alan fought, the truth is he was cut in the opening round and, when he was cut again, he just reverted to his fighting style, knowing that was his only chance of victory. There was nothing deliberate about Hagler's head clashes."

HAGLER: "It was like a dream fulfilled, and I couldn't help the tears coming in my eyes. I wasn't bothered about the violence afterwards. Your cops looked after me very well. I was ready to go 15 rounds. Minter lost like a good champion. As it ended on cuts, a return is all right with me, but that's up to my manager. I had Minter going. I don't think he could see too well, and I think the referee did the right thing in stopping it. The cuts were all caused by punches, not by my head."

PAT PETRONELLI (Hagler's mentor): "Minter fought a stupid fight. All the needle and publicity, and the stories about hating each other seemed to have got to Minter, but not to my man. The crowd behavior was the worst I have ever experienced at any venue in which we have boxed. Someone even threw a chair at us. Sure we'll give Minter a return—BUT NOT IN LONDON."

BOB ARUM: "They should stop playing national anthems. All it does is stir up the nationalism among the fams. Unless they cut this out we must seriously think about whether to bring American boxers to Britain any longer. your fans are not even civilized. It's lucky Hagler wasn't injured, and also that no one was killed."

RAY CLARKE (British board of Control Secretary): "I've always been proud of our record. We've had programs and cushions tossed in the ring occasionally, but never anything on this scale. It was a disgrace. I saw people going to and fro carrying crates of drink. This shouldn't be allowed. There will, of course, be an investigation. It must never happen again."

Coming so soon after the Johnny Owen tragedy, when the Mexican fans were strongly criticized for throwing things into the ring with Owen unconscious on the canvas, it makes one wonder where it will all end. Let us hope that common sense will prevail—and quickly.

RON OLVER

KALULE-BESTER
World Junior Middleweight Title

AARHUS, DENMARK—Ayub Kalule, 153¼, retained his world junior middleweight title with a 15-round unanimous decision over Bushy Bester, 152¾, South Africa, at the open air athletics stadium.

It was not one of Kalule's best performances. He looked stale, and was almost stopped in the sixth round, when Bester caught him with a flurry in the first minute of action.

Kalule was in command during most of the contest, but Bester never let him take a breather. He stayed on Kalule all the way, and fought back when the champion caught him with his well placed punches.

Ayub started using southpaw right hooks in the third round, and hit Bester with his well known angle shots. Bester's blows were picked off by Kalule's gloves or shoulders.

That was the pattern of the contest, save for the first minute of the sixth. Referee David Pearl of Las Vegas scored the bout 147-138, judge Duane Bond, Las Vegas, saw it 147-139, and judge Al Buck had it 147-138, the same score as Pearl. All the cards, of course, were for the champion.

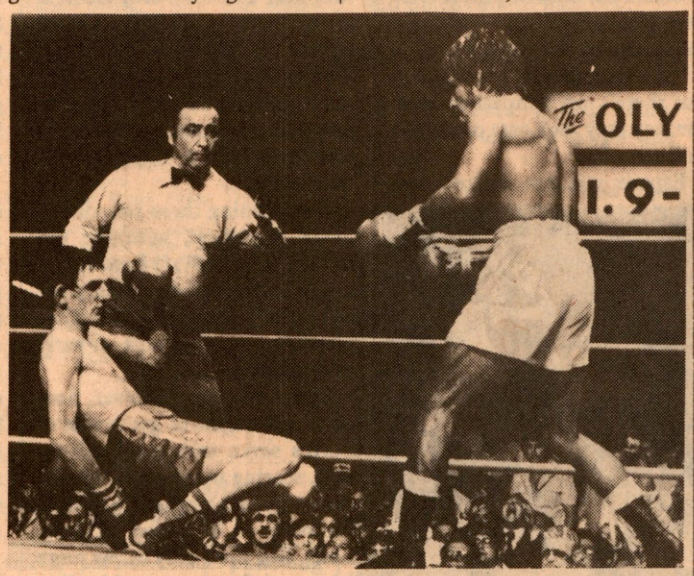
Kalule might do well to lay off for awhile. Fighting men like Bester has taken the sharp edge off his performances.

CONRAD KELLER

PINTOR-OWEN
WBA Bantamweight Title

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Lupe Pintor retained his World Boxing Council bantamweight title with a 12th round knockout of Welshman Johnny Owen. The frail looking challenger, called the "Merthyr Matchstick" by his hometown fans, was taken from the ring on the stretcher and rushed to California Hospital Medical Center. Owen underwent a three-hour brain operation for removal of a blood clot.

The tragic ending came quite suddenly. Owen held his own against the champion for much of the fight, and, though Pintor took charge from the ninth on, Owen was not taking a dreadful beating. A right hand to the head dropped Owen to the canvas a full two minutes into the 12th. Referee Marty Denkin gave the mandatory eight count.



Welshman Johnny Owen goes down in the 12th round of his WBC title bout with Lupe Pintor. Owen lapsed into a coma.

Then, before allowing the fight to continue, he asked Owen if he wanted to go on. The Welshman did not appear seriously hurt at that point. But seconds later Pintor landed another right to the head and Owen crumpled to the canvas with an ugly shudder. He immediately lapsed into unconsciousness.

Pintor, 118, entered his third defense of his title a 5-1 betting favorite. A typical Mexican bantam, Pintor brought no new battle plan into his fight against the light-hitting 5'8" challenger. A good left hook and lots of courage have made Pintor what he is, and he overcame his four-inch height deficit against Owen by pressing forward, looking to unload the harder punches. But Owen, the Commonwealth champion, showed that, despite his ghostly pale and thin frame, he had serious ambitions for the world title. At times, he clearly outboxed Pintor, not hitting him with anything hard, but cutting the champion over his left eye in the third round and in the fourth round over the right eye.

At the end of the sixth round, the ringside doctor visited Pintor's corner to inspect the cuts. In the seventh, Pintor bloodied Owen's nose but Johhny 117½, came back in the eighth to fend off the charges of the Mexican champion with accurate counterpunching.

Pintor turned the fight around with one roundhouse right in the ninth round, knocking Owen down on his backside. From then on, the challenger seemed to fade. The fight became a cat and mouse game, with Owen lacking the strength to keep Pintor at a respectful distance from him.

The sold-out crowd at the ancient Olympic Auditorium sensed that the end was coming. Firecrackers exploded in the aisles and the chant of "MAY—E—CO" filled the building. Pintor, who was seeking his 34th knockout in 50 fights, does not have the great power of former title holder Carlos Zarate, but he keeps up a steady attack and has worn out many strong fighters.

It is part of the mystique of boxing to witness a crowd brought to the edge of hysteria, for that is a tribute to the courage of the fighters and the intensity of their battle. But there is always a dark side to a sporting crowd, and when Owen went down for the second time in the 12th round, in a coma and near death, the partisan crowd became like a lynch mob. Owen's cornermen were shoved and drenched with beer, and one hardened veteran of such "flesh-peddling" said afterwards, "They didn't know how badly he was hurt, but I actually got scared that Owen's handlers were going to be badly attacked. It wasn't everyone, but this was worse than anything I've seen, even when Cuevas and Zarate brought them out."

Owen's mother and sister flew in from Wales to be at his bedside. His father was already in Los Angeles. The family owns a small grocery store in the south of Wales. Pintor and his manager visited the critically injured boxer and paid their respects to his family. After a week of intensive care, Johnny Owen was still in a coma, somewhere between life and death.

Following the bout, referee Marty Denkin flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico to referee the Hilmer Kenty-Ernesto Espana lightweight title fight, some 13 hours later! More than one boxing writer would criticize Denkin for not stopping that fight soon enough.

Lightweight Roberto Elizondo knocked out Earl Young in the third round. Elizondo, now 17-1, with 13 kayoes, knocked Young through the ropes in the first, then down in the second, before finishing him in the third.

Former bantam champ Alfonso Zamora, 119, has the best kayo percentage per fight of any active fighter. It's either Zamora or his opponent that gets knocked cold. This time, newcomer Gigio Estrada flattened Zamora in the third. The former bantam champ would have had trouble getting out of the way of a glacier. Zamora's record is now 30-4, all wins by K.O.

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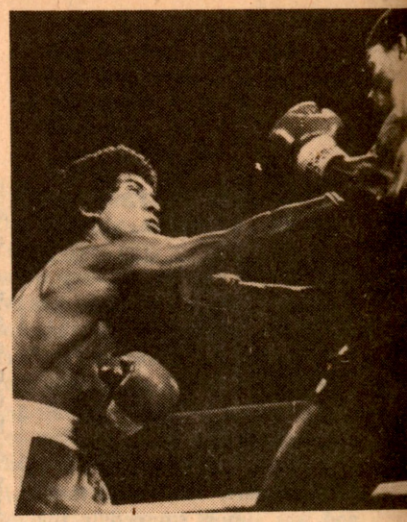
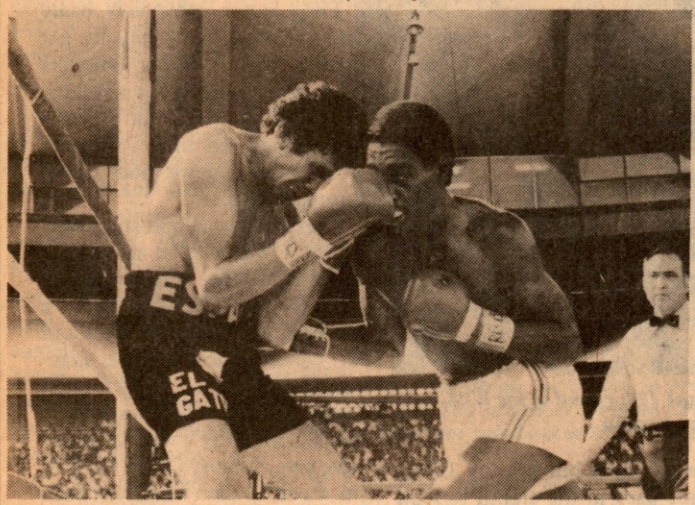


KENTY-ESPANA
WBA Lightweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—Ernesto Espana's effort to regain his WBA lightweight crown proved fruitless. He was just no match for Hilmer Kenty, and the Detroit fighter TKO'd him at 2:57 of the fourth round.

Kenty had to go 11 rounds to win the title in his first bout with the Venezuelan. He found the going easier this time, as Espana could not maintain the pace that the young champ initiated.

The hard punching Ernesto, 135, gave it a do-or-die effort at the opening bell, but Hilmer, also 135, withstood his shortlived assault and proceeded to take command after the first minute of action.



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From that point on, it was no contest. Kenty battered Espana from pillar to post, and the ex-champ offered little in return. Ernesto appeared to be grossly over—or under-trained. He ran out of gas completely. His power was gone, and so was the supreme confidence he had displayed in all of his previous contests. He didn't show his customary smile, just the worried look of a man about to go before the gallows.

Kenty, on the other hand, had the assured look of a winner.

He abandoned his usual style to trade blows with the slugger, and it worked. "I was not afraid of his alleged punching power and went after him from the beginning," Hilmer said. WBA welterweight champion Tommy Hearns was in his corner, as well as Emanuel Steward, his manager-trainer. "We planned it this way," said Steward. "We knew that Espana had to be pressured from the beginning."

The MAPS (Muhammad Ali Professional Sports) people were very pleased with the treatment they received in Puerto Rico.

"We've done a lot of traveling, but there's no comparison with the way they took care of us here in Puerto Rico."

Espana was not floored, but the battering he took in the fourth round forced referee Martin Denkin to stop it. "I can't understand why he didn't stop it sooner," stated Steward, "The man was already in bad shape early in the round."

Heavy rains kept the attendance down to about 3,000 at Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

SANCHEZ-FORD
World Featherweight Title

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—At a time when champions are being increasingly criticized for defending against challengers with dubious credentials, world featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez of Mexico City stands out as one who puts his title on the line against the best that his division has to offer. Sanchez's third title defense, which took place before an enthusiastic crowd at the aging Joe Freeman Coliseum and nationwide television audiences in the U.S., Mexico, Guyana, and Venezuela, saw him pound out a split decision over Patrick Ford, Georgetown, Guyana, the WBC's third ranked featherweight contender. Unfortunately, as is too often the case, controversy entered into the picture and marred what was otherwise a highly entertaining bout.

The opening three rounds followed a pattern, with the unusually tall (5'10½") Ford standing in midring and snapping out a crisp left jab that had Sanchez bleeding from the nose as early as round two.

By round four, however, Sanchez had begun to get inside of Ford's seven inch reach advantage, scoring with right leads followed by winging left hooks to the body on a number of occasions. But Ford only threw more jabs, and Sanchez was bleeding from the nose again when the round ended.

The fifth frame saw the 21-year-old champion land his first really damaging punches of the contest. He got the Central American in a neutral corner and landed hard punches with both hands. This flurry took place directly in front of the crowd of Guyanans who had come to cheer their hero. A hubbub (wild cheering and flag waving, led by Ashton Denny, brother of Ford's close friend, Cleveland Denny, who was fatally injured in a preliminary to the Duran-Leonard classic, seemed to rally Patrick. He scored with a sharp left hook to Sanchez's chest as the bell rang.

Rounds six and seven followed somewhat the same course. Ford moved and scored with a jab-and-uppercut combination while Salvador countered with combos to the body. By round eight, however, Sanchez had again regained control, and stunned Ford with a vicious right uppercut to the chin.

The champ's aggressiveness started really paying off in the next two heats, as both men scored with several crisp punches. Sanchez's carried much more power, though, as a result of his forward movement as compared to Ford's side-to-side motion. By round 11, it had become obvious that Ford was tiring. He began to carry his left arm too low, obviously in an attempt to protect himself from Sanchez's body shots.

Except for brief flurries by Ford in the remaining four rounds—he rocked Sanchez back on his heels with an uppercut in round 13—the defending champion prevailed in the battle's later stages.

The controversy arose, in part, when the official scorecards were announced. Ring announcer Bill Merriman first stated that judge Ramon Berumen of Mexico had scored the contest 149-148 for Ford, which evoked cheers from the challenger's camp and considerable booing from the largely pro-Sanchez crowd. His error was immediately noted by Texas commission assistant director Henry Villagomez, who scurried into the ring to show Merriman that Berumen's tally actualled showed Sanchez in the lead by a 148-139 margin. Judge A.D. "Spider" Bynum of Dallas had

Sanchez holding onto his crown by a 145-141 count, while judge Jose Escalante of Mexico showed 145 points for each man. Referee Lou Filipo of Los Angeles didn't score the fight.

The nine-point differential in scoring by Berumen (even WBC president Jose Sulaiman referred to this as "a little bit out of line") drew considerable ire from Ford's people and from most of the ringside press. Some 20 hours before fight time, Ford's manager, Miami air freight magnate David Rodriguez, had filed a formal letter of protest concerning Berumen's appointment as an official for the contest. The word given out by the promoters was that Rodriguez's protest concerned the fact that Berumen had served as an official for Sanchez's title defense against Ruben Castillo some five months earlier, and should not have been appointed again so soon. But, when this reporter spoke to Rodriguez at the weigh-in the morning before the fight, it was obvious he felt that Berumen was too closely allied to Sanchez to render an impartial verdict. He even referred to Berumen as "Sanchez's house judge."

The controversy deepened when Sulaiman, in a post fight press conference, stated that "there was merely a disagreement over one of the officials . . . but no protest was ever filed with the WBC." No sooner had those words escaped Sulaiman's lips than Frederick Ramprashad of the Guyanan Boxing Board countered with "That's not so, and you know it isn't. A formal letter of protest was presented to Texas commission head Bob Busse (who currently serves as WBC ratings chairman) in Sulaiman's presence. Sulaiman then left for his hotel, telling Busse to use his own discretion. A closed door meeting between Busse, WBC representative Romeo Garcia, and promoter Don Georgino took place. Shortly thereafter, Busse announced that the officials would remain the same." This meeting was not open to the press or to representatives of the two fighters.

Busse offered no comment, except to tersely acknowledge that he was in possession of Rodriguez's letter.

Both fighters weighed in at the division limit of 126 pounds. The timekeeper was Bill Gavin, with Dick Cole serving as knockdown timer.

Alberto Davila, 119¼, Los Angeles, kayoed Terry Pizzafro, 116¼, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at 0:19 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Juan LaPorte, 127¼, New York City, won unanimous decision over Mano Morua, 127½, LaPuente, Calif., 10. LaPorte is now 17-0.

Jaime Garza, 120½, Los Angeles, TKO'd Calvin Sheppard, 119, Port Arthur, Texas, at 1:33 of the fourth round. Garza is now 20-0.

Oscar Muniz, 119½, Los Angeles, knocked out Miguel Flores, 119, San Antonio, at 0:37 of the fourth.

Gary Vinet, 130½, New Orleans, La., won a split decision over Jesus "Chucho" Ramirez, 131¼, Mexico City, eight.

Gaby Canizales, 117¼, Laredo, Texas, knocked out Oscar Gomez, 117¾, Mexico City, in 0:25 of the sixth and final session.

Preliminary officials were Dick Cole, Norman Stein, Jimmy Scaramozi, and Roy Ovalle. Nat Como was the timekeeper.

C.A. JACKSON

ZAPATA-NAKAJIMA
WBC Junior Flyweight Title

GIFU, JAPAN—Slick punching southpaw Hilario Zapata, 107 3/4, retained his WBC junior flyweight title by stopping Shigeo Nakajima, also 107 3/4, at 2:56 of the 11th round at Gifu Civil Center.

The 22-year-old Zapata made good use of his reach—nine inches longer than Nakajima's. He battered the ex-champ, cut him up, out-sped him, and controlled the fight completely. Nakajima, 26, didn't win a single round.

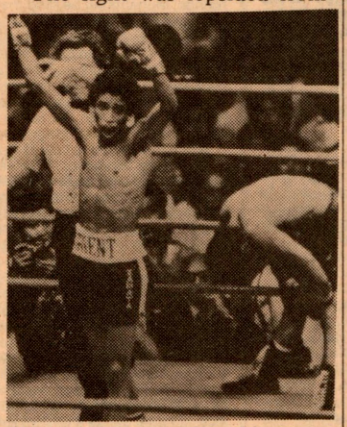
It was Zapata's finest showing in a brief but brilliant career that has seen him compile a 15-1 record. Former WBA flyweight champion Alfonso Zamora handed the Panamanian his only loss—a 12-round split decision—On October 28, 1978.

Zapata, Panama, used sharp jabs against Nakajima, Japan, in the first round. Shigeo responded with a few straight rights to the face and midsection. Zapata won that session by a hair.

Nakajima is primarily an infighter, but he couldn't catch Zapata. Hilario was in command from round two on. Nakajima missed repeatedly, and the third round found him bleeding from a wide gash under the eyebrow. He tried to bore in to Zapata, but the champ stopped him with well timed counterpunches.

The fifth was fairly even. Nakajima, who had had to take off a lot of weight for the contest, looked a little wary. And Zapata semmed to have him solved.

The fight was lopsided from



Hilario Zapata raises his arms high in victory as Shigeo Nakajima lies bent in defeat.

the sixth round on. Nakajima threw a few desperate punches, but Zapata managed to avoid them. Hilario turned loose from the seventh on. Sharp combos raked the ex-champ, who tried to get into Zapata's body. His efforts were in vain.

Nakajima threw a wild left hook after taking quite a bit of punishment. He missed, and wound up on the canvas. It was a slip, but Shigeo's frustration and fatigue were obvious.

Strong lefts landed on the Japanese fighter from all angles in the ninth and 10th rounds. He was bleeding, almost helpless.

A barrage of punches nailed Nakajima near the close of the 11th, and referee Rudy Jordan stopped the bout to save the challenger from further, needless punishment. Nakajima had no chance of winning.

Referee Jordon (U.S.) scored the bout 100-91 through 10 rounds. Judge Masao Kato (Japan) had it 100-95, and judge Humberto Figueroa (Panama) saw it 100-91. All the scores were in Zapata's favor.

The champion has progressed rapidly. His offense is much better, and his defense and ring generalship are much improved. In his first fight with Nakajima, he backpeddaled and landed powder puff combinations. This time, he seldom retreated.

Hilario has defended his crown three times since winning it in Tokyo.He outclassed Chi-Bok Kim in Korea (the challenger's own country) and decisioned Hector Rey Melendez of the Dominican Republic in Venezuela. He's a real "fighting champ."

"My best fight!" Zapata said. "Nakajima couldn't hit me as effectively as he did in our first fight. The confidence I got after winning the title made me very strong. If you pay me $300,000, I'll get in the ring with Yoko Gushiken, the WBA champ."

The crestfallen Nakajima reflected on the fight. "Zapata's right jabs were too fast for me to avert by head slipping," he cooly said. "He was sharper and stronger than in our first encounter."

Japanese fight fans had looked forward to a Nakajima victory. The fight, onesided as it was, was a great disappointment. It was nationally telecast by TV Asahi.

Veteran Kazunori Shiratori, 140, dropped sluggish Tadashi Suginaga, also 140, twice, and finished him at 1:00 of the ninth ropund in the scheduled 10-round semi-final.

Four-rounders: Masaji Ota, 129½, outscored Masaru Umekida, 130. Yoshiaki Takemoto, 120½, outpointed Hideki Isuta, 121¼. Akimitsu Kuribayashi, 117¾, outscored Hiroki Ichi, 117¾. Sigenon Kamiyama, 110, kayoed Masami Sugiyama, 111¾, in 2:01 of the first round. Yasuo Tasunekawa, 105¾, outscored Kentaro Yoshino, 106¼, in the opener.

Miwa Promotions, Gifu City.

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▲ SACRAMENTO — Cross town rivals Pete Ranzany and Sal Lopez finally met in their long awaited welterweight clash, and when the dust settled at the outdoor Hughes Stadium it was the veteran who proved to the better man. Under the advice of his corner, a cut and battered Sal Lopez did not come out for the seventh round.

Lopez, who had been undefeated in 18 previous bouts, wilted under the constant barrage of hooks from a determined 29-year-old Pete Ranzany. Lopez was cut over both eyes and did almost no fighting in the sixth round.

Ranzany vindicated himself against the young upstart, disproving many of the predictions from those "in-the-know". "I wanted this win very badly," he said in his dressing room after the one-sided scuffle. "Nobody believed me when I said he couldn't hit that hard. A lot of people thought he was going to take my place. That really got me psyched up. I've been fighting a long time; I didn't want to let my fans down."

No bout in the last two years has stirred up so much talk in the fight-happy state capital city as did the Ranzany-Lopez showdown. For five years, "Pistol" Pete was the darling of the fans, and on many occasions it was SRO when he fought the likes of Armando Muniz, Randy Shields, Babs McCarthy, and others. Then knockout losses to Jose Cuevas and Ray Leonard cut into Ranzany's popularity. He seemed to struggle with second raters, content to win a decision. In the last two years, young Sal Lopez began to attract attention with a string of knockout wins. Earlier in the summer, before a large,noisy, and curious crowd, Sal Lopez did what no other fighter had ever done, he knocked iron-jawed Jimmy Heair silly, trouncing him in five rounds. Sal Lopez, soft-spoken and 21, was hailed and praised in the local papers.

When the bout finally came got started under the hot, dry California summer night, the crowd seemed to lean towards Ranzany, the blemished veteran. Ranzany, 147½, straight brown hair down to his neck, his face tense and serious, seemed high-strung as he waited in his corner. Across from him; Sal Lopez, 145, his face unmarked and calm, bowed to the applause from his Mexican fans.

In the first moment of the fight, there was evidence enough of what was to come. Ranzany bolted from his corner, almost jumped, and charged for Lopez, jabbing, then rushing in with hooks to the body. Lopez blocked most of the punches, but he seemed confused, almost unprepared for Ranzany's grim hustle. Halfway through the round, Lopez was knocked back on his heels by a left to the nose.

The excitement increased around the stadium. Ranzany was missing most of his punches, but he was lathered up, inspired, and was landing more than Lopez was throwing. Ranzany kept attacking. His corner shouted to him to throw to the right, but he preferred to use his left to Lopez's body. Near the end of the third round, Lopez landed two sharp combinations, but when the bell sounded Ranzany walked back to his corner with a look of mad happiness on his face.

Lopez began the fourth with something of his old form, but he soon became bewildered by Raanzany's hustle. The one time challenger for the title was landing more frequently to Lopez's stomach and liver. In the fifth, both fighters were warned to watch their heads. The pace slowed a bit. Then, in the last minute, Ranzany brought cheers from his fans as he battered Lopez against the ropes.

Early in the sixth, Lopez was cut over his right eye. Later, his father/manager would claim it came from a head butt. Perhaps, but it was certainly not intentional. Ranzany stormed all over Lopez, renewed by the sight of blood, and he backed Lopez against the ropes and let go shot after shot to the body and head. Lopez was cut over his left eye and the blood soon covered his entire face. He spent the last minute of the round propped against the ropes, trying to block the onslaught of punches. He was exhausted and confused, and ready to go.

No one was surprised when Lopez did not answer the bell for the seventh round. Ranzany's record goes to 44-4-2. He proved his worth.

Lopez took the loss gracefully. "He was a lot stronger than I expected and he fought a real good fight. I think I was butted. Our heads were knocking a lot in close. I wanted to go on, but my corner told me the cuts were too bad. I know I'll be back. This isn't the end for me."

Those who had once been certain of a Lopez victory claimed that he might have lacked experience and should have waited a half year before the showdown. Others felt that Lopez was a natural junior welterweight and lacked the strength to push Ranzany away from him.

Both fighters made about $25,000, working on a percentage of the house. A disappointing gate of 5,645 fans paid $111,546 to a show promoted by Babe Griffin and Don Chargin. In the not too distant future, Ranzany and Lopez may meet again.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

CONNECTICUT

▲ HARTFORD — Dillon Stadium — New England light heavyweight champ Don Addison, Waterbury, overtook front running Muhammad Shabazz, Hartford, and successfully defended his regional bauble by battering him into submission at 1:48 of the 11th heat in a slated 12-round feature. The show drew a crowd of about 2,000.

Experience and durability decided the duel. While Addison counted a number of 10-rounders among his previous 20 fights, his challenger had never gone more than eight in erecting a 9-1 mark. The champ also had a seven-pound edge, scaling 174¾ to his foe's 168. Boxing writers had Shabazz ahead after eight rounds, Muhammad beating the Brass City boxer to the punch and keeping off with a busy left jab. Don turned destroyer in the eighth, undermining his foe's wilting stamina with long rights to the body. Continued body shots swept three big rounds, as Shabazz sagged under Don's withering assaults through the 10th. He spun out Muhammad's mouthpiece for a second time in the 11th before a series of two-fisted blows bowled over the Hartford fighter. Ref Sal Maltempo had already stepped in to stop it before Shabazz staggered backward and went down.

Addison's record is now 15-4-2.

Until Figg Promotions (formerly Sports Promotions) put on this show in municipally owned Dillon Stadium, city salons had denied at least one try to stage pro boxing in the near 50-year-old sports facility which has housed pro football, baseball, and soccer. The late promoter Sam Gulino had been denied its use for boxing.

This inaugural show drew an assortment of area luminaries. Among them were Sen. Joseph J. Fauliso, president pro tem of the State Senate, who led a legislative drive to reinstate pro boxing in Connecticut; Hartford Mayor George Athanson, who participated in a ceremonial program; and Connecticut Boxing Guild prexy Manuel Liebert, who had promoted the last outdoor pro boxing show in Hartford 28 years ago.

Papa Figueroa, 138, Hartford, TKO'd Jamie Rodriguez, 143, Lowell, Mass., at 2:36 of the seventh in a slated 10-round semi-final. Dr. Joseph G. Uricchio ordered the one-sided duel stopped after Jamie's lip was split.

Mark Manero, 152, Boston, was impressive in winning a four-round unanimous decision over Ronnie Pilgrim, 150, Meriden. The latter, at 6'3" had several inches in height and reach.

Randy Davio, 153, Springfield, Mass., outpointed Jackie Cowell, 150, Stratoford, six. Bob Davis, 155, Waterbury, twice dropped Roger Philips, Pittsfield, Mass., with left hoooks for a TKO in two. Abdu Sanda, 154, New York City, twice floored Don Miller, also 154, Bridgeport, for a TKO in three. Manuel Dearce, 129, Hartford, outscored Jose Ruiz, 130, Lowell Mass., four.

JOSEPFH CASSANO

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲ HONOLULU, OAHU — Blaisdell Arena — So far this year, it has to be the best overall and exciting boxing card held in Hawaii. The estimated 2,000 in attendance can attest to that. The 10-round heavyweight co-feature between American Samoa's pride and joy, crowd pleaser Fossie Schmidt, 196¼, recognized as the Pacific South Seas Council heavyweight champion, and rugged Memphian Robert "Ironman" Echols, 209¼, simply stole the show. The fans were left sizzling with excitement anticipating what could possibly be left to see in the 10-round junior welterweight main event. It was, indeed, promoter Shimizu (Jack) Kuwashi's finest effort in his young career. The sparse turnout was attributed to the special TV showing of Shogun, which was seen by nearly all islanders of Japanese ancestry. Financially, it was a loss, but Kuwashi looked at it as an "investment card," establishing credibility and proving that it is not necessarily a fact that you must always use a ranking fighter or a household name to matchmake successfully.

From the moment the bell sounded, it was a donnybrook heavyweight brawl that will not soon be forgotten by Hawaiian fans, who are not often accustomed to seeing heavies in action. This brawl reminded this writer of the late forties, when light heavyweights "Irish" Bob Murphy and the Indian, Dick Wagner, used to go at on the Friday night TV bouts.

In the very first heat, Schmidt sprang from his stool and stormed across the ring catching the surprised Echols with smashing left and rights to the head, driving the "Ironman" reeling into the ropes on wobbly wheels. It looked like a quick exit for Echols. But, much to everyone's surprise, Echols hung in, weathered the assault, and, at the end of the round, was firing back crisp jabs and short rights to the head of the bewildered Samoan, who couldn't believe that Echols was still around.

In the second, it was more of the same, with Echols on the receiving end against the ropes, taka pasting, but beginning to take some of the punches on his gloves and waiting for Schmidt to tire. In the third stanza, Echols, much taller at 6'4" and with a longer reach, began to score effectively with vicious right uppercuts in close as Schmidt moved in for the obvious "kill." By the fourth canto, with the pace never slackening and the crowd roaring, Echols, now bleeding heavily from inside the mouth, was beginning to pepper the tough Samoan's head with stiff jabs and short overhand rights. Cuts were now clearly visible on Schmidt's forehead, as the blood began to flow into his eyes and the crowd sensed the battle was turning. The fifth and sixth rounds were again a repeat, with Echols coming on strongly as both fighters stood toe-to-toe dishing out heavy punishment.

Finally, in the fatal seventh, knowing he was in danger of punching himself out and trailing in the fight, Schmidt unleashed a non-stop barrage of punches which brought blood spurting from Echols' mouth as he lay helplessly against the ropes, unable to defend himself. At this moment, a very astute referee, Abe Pacheco, wisely called a halt to the carnage at 2:28 of the round.

"We thought Schmidt would punch himself out, but he's a real strong kid, a hard hitter and takes a good punch," said Red Fortner, his manager. "I can't fault the referee. He did a good job and gave my man every chance." The "Ironman" really lived up to his name. Schmidt ran his record to 23-4 with 17 kayo wins while Echols slipped to 14-5-1.

In the 10-round main even, Waianae's fast rising young sensational junior welterweight, hard punching Mark Ibanez, 139¾, continued on his winning ways upping his record to 13-1 with nine kayo wins by stopping a courageous and tough Sacramentian, "Prince" Albert Guevara, 137½, at the end of the sixth when his corner would not allow him to come out for the seventh. No one else had expected the gutsy Guevara to come out either. He'd absorbed a tremendous body beating throughout the bitterly contested bout. However, it was not as onesided as one was led to believe before fight time. After momentarily being decked in the first by a smashing right to the jaw, Guevara rose and immediately taunted Ibanez, shuffled quickly to the side, and then stormed to the attack, meeting Ibanez head. Both fighters fired heavy blows from the hip in close, standing flatfooted to get all the power they could muster. Ibanez was the more accurate of the two.

The second round was more of the same slam bang action, with Ibanez coming on strongly and finding the mark consistently, especially to the body with well placed snapping hooks. The surprise came in the early moments of the third when Ibanez, throwing caution to the wind, dropped his left and, in a split second, Guevara found the opening as he banged home a solid right hand flush on Ibanez's chin, depositing the Waianae lad on the seat of his pants. Guevara tried to end it quickly with a volley but Ibanez was just too clever and slipped Guevara's heavy shots, quickly recovering. At the end of the round he was driving Guevara backwards once again with a furious body attack.

It was just a matter of time, and, in the sixth, Ibanez poured in relentlessly and knocked Guevara down twice as the Sacromento lad was hurt badly and groping for air. Just as it appeared Guevara would not get up, he pulled that last reserve energy from somewhere and fought back gallantly, surprising not only his opponent, but also the stunned crowd before his *coup de grace* in the seventh. "Guevara was good. He had a big heart. I hit him flush a couple of times and I caught him good in the fifth and sixth. It was sure my toughest fight," said Ibanez.

In the opening 10-rounder, Hawaii's first and only National Golden Gloves Champion, Julio Rodrigues, 113¾, Waianae, decisioned Armando Ugalde, 113¾, Los Angeles. In preliminary action, Philip Leonin, Waianai, 145½, eked out a close decision win over a very stubborn Duane Molina, Maui, 145½. A very impressive newcomer, hard punching Edric Kerr, Kona, 152¾, iced durable Moses Meheula, Honolulu, 146¾ at 0:58 of the first. In the curtain raiser, popular Siaosi Poto, Samoa, 130, poleaxed Rey Galdo, Ewa Beach, 125, in the second.

JOEL LIPSITT

ILLINOIS

▲ CHICAGO — Marcos Geraldo risked his top 10 world rating and a possible shot at the middleweight title for an $8,000 payday and exposure on cable television when he came here to fight William (Caveman) Lee.

The gamble was a bad one.

Lee (14-2) shocked Geraldo, a live crowd of 2,500, and a national cable audience on ESPN, by knocking the Mexican champion out in 0:55 of the first round. Lee, 160, took the fight to Geraldo from the opening bell and staggered him with a left hook. Geraldo countered with a left hook that nearly floored Lee, but the Detroit fighter came back blazing with lefts and rights.

Geraldo (45-15) was knocked down and out by a devastating right to the head and a left to the ribs. He clutched his side as he sprawled on the mat, and didn't come close to getting up before the count.

Geraldo, 159, had come into the fight ranked sixth by the WBA, seventh by the WBC, and eighth by *The Ring* International Ratings Panel. Coming off a close decision loss to Marvin Hagler, Geraldo appeared ready for a title shot. Lee was just a tune-up bout.

What Geraldo and his manager-trainer, Lupe Sanchez, didn't figure on was the buzz-saw tactics that Emanuel Steward had mapped out for Lee. "I think it's advantageous to come out throwing everything against experienced fighters, especially Latins," Steward said. "You disrupt their tempo. And most veterans, used to going 10 rounds, are susceptible to an all-out attack early."

This was Steward's second personal victory over Sanchez. Steward had previously guided Thomas Hearns to his second round knockout win over Pipino Cuevas, another Sanchez fighter, for the WBA welterweight crown.

Jose Santana (10-0), Chicago, won the ESPN Cable Midwest Regional Title and moved on tward a possible national crown by knocking out Richard House in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Santana, 147, and House, 146, had waged a bloody and brutal war of attrition that featured two knockdowns of House. Twice, Santana put House down with flurries of left hooks and overhand rights, but, both times, House miraculously struggled to his feet and continued.

In the fourth and seventh sessions, House came back to better Santana, and it looked like he may have turned the fight around both times. But Santana, who has won all 10 of his contests by knockout, came back strong in the eighth round to end the bout at 2:59.

House, St. Louis, saw his record slip to 8-4-1.

AL BERNSTEIN

INDIANA

▲ INDIANAPOLIS — Atkinson Hotel — Promoter Fred Berns drew a disappointingly small crowd for a boxing show in the ballroom of this grand old downtown hotel.

Two Hoosier veterans headlined the card in scheduled eight round contests.

In one of the two main events, slugging Danny Myers, 152½, Muncie, Indiana, iced game Al Conti, 148½, Chicago, at 2:25 of round three. From the opening bell to the finish, each warrior had the same goal: to stop his opponent as soon as possible, using bombs, not finesse. Myers suffered the first knockdown in this toe-to-toe slugfest early in the third round. Danny was up well before the eight count. The fierce action continued until Myers dropped Conti with a left-right combination. Referee Mike DeFabis stopped the contest with the gutsy Windy City boxer lying helpless on the canvas. This victory raises Myers record to 20-2 with 19 knockouts.

The other main event saw Marion "Tiger" Thomas, 138, Indianapolis, win a unanimous decision over Ernesto Gonzalez, 135, Torreon, Mexico. There was little action in this bout with few clean punches landed. Gonzalez backpedaled all evening, showing a minimal amount of offense. Thomas was the aggressor, landing some blows but never getting untracked. The scores were 80-72, 80-73, and 80-75.

The undercard consisted of four round bouts none of which lasted the distance.

Brian Brunette, 157, St. Paul, overpowered Don Williams, 149, North Vernon, Indiana; TKOing him at 2:15 of round one.

"Schoolboy" Jimmy Baker, 165, Austin, Indiana, was impressive against Hank Thomas, 162, St. Louis. Baker won his first pro fight in this his debut when Thomas failed to answer the bell for round four. It goes as a fourth round TKO.

Don King, 157½, Indianapolis, looked awesome in his pro debut when he dropped tough "Sweet" Charlie Peterson, 151½, Muncie, three times in round one. The third knockdown, which automatically stopped the fight, came at two minutes even.

Jimmy Claar, 171, New Lisbon, Indiana, knocked out Joey Butcher, 168, Indianapolis, at 0:35 of the second round.

The matchmaker was Pete Susens. GARY L. MERRITT

LOUISIANA

▲ NEW ORLEANS — Superdome — Jerry Celestine, 180, knocked out Richie Kates, 179, in 1:55 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12-rounder.

A left hook did the trick. Kates went down, but rose before the 10-count was completed. He indicated that he wanted to continue, but was not in condition to do so, and ref Pete Giarrusso stopped the contest.

Celestine was ahead on all three scorecards after seven rounds. Giarrusso had it 4-1-2, judge Herman Dutreix scord it 5-1-1, and judge Charles Joseph saw it 4-2-1.

James Kincher, 161, Dallas, TKO'd Larry Rayford, 160, New Orleans.

Melvin Paul, 134, New Orleans, won a unanimous decision over Bobby "Butterfly" Pappion, 128, Lake Charles. This was Paul's professional debut.

Larry Tatman, 154½, Metairie, kayoed Johnson Crayton, 151½, in 2:06 of the third round in a scheduled six-round bout.

Bruce Calaway, 160½, New Orleans, knocked out Tyler Dupuy, 160¾, New Orleans, in 2:29 of the second frame of a scheduled six.

NEBRASKA

▲ GRAND ISLAND — Bruce Strauss, certainly the most active boxer in the cornhusker state, scored a fifth round K.O. over Dale Gordon, Kansas City, in the middleweight main event.

The bout was filled with the usual Strauss fireworks before the end. Bruce is mainly a preliminary fighter, but he says that he can hold his own with any fighter his size in the world. He's been all over the world, fighting in South Africa, Italy, etc. He's always looking for a fight.

Mackie Hamelbaugh, Des Moines, Iowa, TKO'd Juan Mendez, Wichita, three, lightweights. Ray Menefee, Des Moines, outpointed Sugar Ray Barrett, Wichita, six, lightweights. Mike Falcon, Omaha, outscored Wayne Grant, Omaha, four, middleweights.

▲ NORTH PLATTE — James Dixon, Chicago, scored a stunning sixth round kayo over native son Lupe Guerra in the scheduled 12-round heavyweight main event.

Dixon, 187, was to be a stepping stone for the highly promising Guerra, 196, in a bout billed for the "midlands heavyweight championship. (The Midlands Association encompasses several states.) Dixon, now 27-7, had other ideas. Having dropped the majority of rounds on all three judges' cards, James announced to his corner between sessions that "I'm going to knock this ----- out." He proceeded to do exactly that, wrecking Lupe's aspirations at 15-2. A right staggered Guerra, at which point the usually coy Dixon turned tiger and dug into the Nebraskan with hard hooks that crumpled the local idol for the count. It was a sad day for North Platte.

Dixon, a notorious "spoiler," has proven himself a major thron in Nebraska's side. Last year, he ended the career of another local idol, Ron Stander, via a heartbreaking decision loss.

Give us a break, James.

Bruce Strauss, Omaha, had the crowd yelling as he labored to a final round kayo over Dave Holmgren, Wichita, six, middleweights. C.B. (Buster) Brown, Des Moines, won a majority decision over Sylvester Price in a brisk sixer, light heavies. Kevin Lampkin, Muncie, Indiana, flattened Earnie Timmons, Omaha, in the second round, junior welterweights.

ROBERT J. RUIZ

NEVADA

▲ LAS VEGAS — Larry Frazier, 248, of Seattle, Washington, swung with a double combination and watched his opponent, Jesse Aldridge, 195, fall to the canvas in disbelief. The entire action took only 1:21 of the first round in the main event at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week. Referee: Joey Curtis.

A six-round semi-main of heavyweights went the distance as Ron Draper, 205, took a unanimous decision over Mike Creel, 220. This was the action fight of the night, as the fighters stood toe-to-toe and slugged at each other. Each refused to go down under his opponent's pressure.

But the judges saw Draper as the aggressor, and scored as follows: Judge Dalby Shirley: 58-56; Bob Martin, 58-55; and Hal Miller 58-56. Referee: Joey Curtis.

In a six-round prelim of middleweights, Fahim Muhammad, 149, took a controversial majority decision over Randy Rivers, 162. Rivers was down momentarily in the first round, and, in the fifth, was holding onto the ropes to stay on his feet. Judge Bob Martin, however awarded the fight to Rivers: 58-57; Judges Dalby Shirley and Hal Miller both scored 58-56 for Muhammad, giving him a 7-0-1 record. Referee: Harry Krause.

A four-round prelim saw Diego Galaz, 130, take a split decision over Luis Ontiveras, 128. It was the first fight ever for Galaz; and he showed exceptional skills for a novice. Scoring was: Judge Hal Miller: 39-38 for Ontiveras; and Judges Bob Martin and Dalby Shirley, both 39-37 for Galaz. Referee: Harry Krause.

The scheduled four-round card opener saw Hector Jimenez, 150, score a TKO over Arturo Montano, 154, at 0:53 of the second round. Montano was down twice in the first round, and was taking severe punishment when referee John Worth stopped the bout.

Attendance—487. Gate—$3,894.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Lennox Blackmoore, 138⅔, Guyana, made a name for himself at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week as he stopped Fili Ramirez, 137, Los Angeles, at 2:34 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10 rounder.

Blackmoore started slowly, and Ramirez was the aggressor in the first two rounds. But the third round was all Blackmoore. He delivered two overhand rights that started a swelling cver his opponent's left eye.

With his vision impaired, Ramirez did not see the lethal right hand that sent him down early in the fourth round. Blackmoore delivered another right that sent him down for the second time. Ramirez made it to his feet, but slumped to his knee; and referee Harry Krause stepped in to stop the fight.

A semi-main, scheduled for eight, ended at 2:12 of the second round as Pete Seward, 148, scored a TKO over Julio Alfonso, 146. Seward ran his unbeaten record to 14-0 as he trapped Alfonso in a neutral corner and inflicted a severe beating on his hapless opponent. Referee Ferd Hernandez mercifully stopped the fight.

In a six-round prelim, Paz Mena, 117, of Los Angeles, won a wide-margin unanimous decision over Danny Aguilar, 119½, Stanton, Calif. Mina, returning to the ring after a two-year absence, outboxed Aguilar throughout the bout. Scoring was: Judge Lou Tabat: 58-56; Duane Ford: 59-55; and Dave Moretti: 60-55. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Pasqual Ramirez, 174, came from behind to kayo William Banks, 176, at 1;53 of the second round. Referee: John Worth.

The card opener saw a quick and easy victory for Hector Jiminez, 147, as he scored a TKO over Anibar Grullion, 150 at 1:41 of the first round. Both fighters were 1-0 coming into the fight, but Jiminez showed superior skills as he knocked Grullion down over the ropes to take the TKO. Referee: John Worth.

Attendance—487. Gate—$3,789.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Refugio Rojas, 131, Los Angeles, danced and jabbed for four unexciting rounds—then put away his opponent, Jose Luis Piceno, 134, in 0:58 of the fifth round at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

Piceno, also of Los Angeles, was a 2-1 underdog, but stayed in the fight by way of aggression against Rojas.

A short left hook to the jaw spelled the end for Piceno, who went down, but got to his feet before the 10 cout. However, Carlos Padilla, however, stepped in and stopped the fight.

The referee's action was boded by the crowd, since Piceno showed no signs of quitting, despite having taken a great deal of punishment.

A scheduled eight-round semi-main was over early, as Parnell Fairly, 185, kayoed Matt Ross, 190, at 1:20 of the second round.

Ross was a last minute substitue for better-known Jimmy Ingram, and was no match for Fairly. Referee was Richard Green.

In another scheduled eight-rounder, Daniel Cruz, 131, knocked out Joey Rico, 134, at 2:59 of the third. Cruz employed a left hook-straight right combination that left Rico helpless on the canvas.

Two scheduled four-rounders ended in first-round knockouts, with all four fighters making their pro ring debuts.

Tom Landry, 200, kayoed heavier opponent, Bobby Wonder, 230, at 2:03 of the first round. Landry landed a lethal right that sent Wonder down on one knee. Referee John Worth stopped the bout when Wonder was unable to beat the 10-count.

Lalo Rascone, 168, took just 50 seconds of the first round to put away his opponent, David LeMay, 164. Referee: John Worth.

Attendance—315. Gate—$2,901.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Jose "Kid Dynamite" Morales emerged with the NABF lightweight championship as he soundly trounced Frankie "Preacherman" Moultrie in the debut card of the Showboat Hotel's new Sports Pavillon.

Morales, 134½, dominated the fight from the beginning, and Moultrie, 135, barely managed to survive until the seventh round KO.

The usually brilliant Moultrie tried to box and move against his opponent, but Dynamite punched his way through the jabs and landed several of his famous left hooks and overhand rights.

In the fourth and fifth rounds, Moultrie went inside, and was scoring to the body as "Kid Dynamite" appeared to be running out of steam. However, the Preacherman could land no effective punches, and Dynamite came back in the sixth to knowk Moultrie down for the first time.

In the seventh round, Dynamite came out throwing a barrage of punches and pounded Moultrie to the canvas at 1:22 of the round. Referee was Ferd Hernandez.

In a featherweight semi-main, Ruben Castillo, 133¾, chased Roberto Garcia, 132½ through five rounds. Castillo was not at his world class best in this bout, and appeared sluggish in the first two rounds. However, he came to life in the third,and was in command until the final knockout at 2:06 of the sixth round. Castillo used a straight right followed by a left hook to put his opponent away. Referee: Carlos Padilla.

In the 10-round card opener, Nicky Perez, 124, won a wide margin unanimous decision over Jose Resendiz, 123½.

Perez started slowly, but picked up his tempo in the fourth round, and far out-classed the spunky Resendiz. Scoring was: Judge Alan Adler, 97-93; Dave Moretti, 98-93; and Bob Martin, 97-94. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

Attendance—758. Gate—$8,780.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Fred Roach, 120, Phoenix, Arizona, looks like a choir boy and punches like a steam-roller. The popular featherweight fought the toughest bout of his career against Jose Resendiz, 122, Los Angeles, and emerged with a unanimous decision. The 10-round bout was the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

The fighters stood toe-to-toe and traded punches for the entire 10 rounds, but it was Roach who emerged with a wide-margin unanimous decision. Scoring was: Judge Bob Martin, 98-94; Dave Moretti, 98-92; and Jerry Roth, 96-94. Referee: Richard Green.

The scheduled 10-round semi-main became a circus, as Daryl Penn, 153, Las Vegas, showed unsportsmanlike tactics against opponent Robby Epps, 160, Los Angeles.

Penn continually butted, elbowed, held, and hit off breaks before was disqualified at 2:12 of the sixth round by referee Buddy Basilico. Penn's temper flared at the disqualification, and he began swinging at the referee and at Epps, who had gone over to the corner. Basilico attempted to defend himself, and was helped by the victorious Epps.

The fracas cost Penn his purse and an indefinite suspension.

An eight-round prelim resulted in a draw between "Chu Chu" Salcedo, 138, and Hedgemon Robinson, 135, cousin of former welterweight contender Hedgemon Lewis. Robinson started off strong, and was leading in the early rounds. However, he ran out of steam and was completely outclassed by his opponent in the later rounds. Referee: Richard Green.

In the card opener, scheduled for four, Odell Hadley, 159½, kayoed Randy Graves, 159, at 2:05 of the second round. Hadley, in his first pro fight, had Graves down midway of the first round with a sneaky left jab. Early in the second round, he connected with a straight right, and Graves went down again. Seconds later another straight right sent Graves to the canvas for the final KO. Referee: John Worth.

Attendance—435. Gate—$4,950.

NEW JERSEY

▲ ATLANTIC CITY — Resorts International Hotel Casino — Philadelphia's Frank Fletcher used a brutal body attack to score a seventh-round TKO over Californian Randy McGrandy, capturing the ESPN National Middleweight Championship and a career high $5,000 purse in the process.

Fletcher,now fighting under the appropriate nickname of "The Animal," launched his normal all-out assault at the opening bell and didn't let up until referee Paul Venti called him off 2:55 into the seventh. The win culminated Fletcher's four-bout streak in the tournament that has rocketed him from the ranks of the unknown into national prominence.

McGrady, taller and quicker than Fletcher, tried to move and box, but he lacked the fire power to hold the raging southpaw at bay. Every now and then he caught Frank with a good punch, only to be forced to receive three or four in return.

Although sometimes wild, Fletcher repeatedly sunk his left hook into McGrady's belly. At times Randy, two pounds lighter at 158, doubled over when the body blows rammed home. He also fielded stiff shots to the head in between the rib roasters.

Venti's intervention was well timed. McGrady had absorbed about a dozen unanswered punches and did not seem to have the heart to fight back any more. He was never down, but there was no protest from either him or his corner.

Fletcher, with only a modest 8-2-1 (6 kayoes) record, not only won the cable TV tourney at his weight, he now has the option of meeting a ranked contender for Top Rank. He is an exciting new face on the middleweight scene, but it would be foolish to rush him into a fight over his head at this time.

In another tournament bout, Roger Stafford decisioned fellow Philadelphian Johnny Cooper over 10 brisk rounds to win the Mid-Atlantic title.

This was an interesting match between a pair of well-schooled, crisp-hitting prospects. Stafford, 146½, made good use of his long left jab to keep Cooper off-stride in the early rounds. When Cooper, 147, tried to pick up his attack, Roger nailed him with solid rights to the head.

A hard left hook caught Stafford on the temple in the ninth, sending him down for the automatic eight-count. Cooper, however, was slow to follow up, and Stafford was punching back at the close of the round.

It proved to be Cooper's last chance for victory, as Stafford outslugged him early in the 10th and then held on down the stretch.

Stafford, now 13-2-1 (seven kayoes), will continue on to the finals later this year. For Cooper, 11-3-4 (nine kayoes), it's back to the drawing board.

Lefty Anthony Fletcher, 138, won his fourth straight as a pro with a boring six-round nod over Derek Cuttino, 135½, Paterson, New Jersey. Cuttino had little to work with and lost every round, although Fletcher could not come close to putting him away. Anthony, Frank's younger brother, shows a lot of flash, but not much power.

Vineland's Mario Maldonado, 159½, and Warminster's Ben Serrano, 161½, engaged in six rounds of honest club fighting, with Maldonado earning the unanimous decision.

Good looking prospect Robert Sawyer, 150, Vineland, N.J., ignored a nasty gash between his eyes and scored a second round TKO over Philly's Xavier Briggs, 149½. Sawyer, a solid punching southpaw, dropped Briggs once in the first and then again in the second before referee Joe Cortez called a halt at 2:32.

Former kickboxer Emilio Narvaez, 168, Vineland, scored a four-round decision over game loser Emmett Johnson, 170, Phila., in a good scrap. Johnson was down in the first from a left hook, but got up to give Narvaez a run for his money.

The show, packaged for Top Rank and ESPN by Russ Peltz, featured good competitive fights throughout, except for the Fletcher brothers, who completely outclassed their adversaries.

Eva Shain and Harold Lederman judged all bouts. Referee Venti worked Fletcher-Cuttino, Maldonado-Serrano and the main event, while Joe Cortez handled Stafford-Cooper, Sawyer-Biggs and Narvaez-Johnson.

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ TOTOWA — Ice World — It was "Rocky Lockridge Night" here, and a fine house turned out to join Lockridge in a pre-title-fight victory party and send him on his way against Eusebio Pedroza with the sound of cheers and applause ringing in his ears. Among the presentations Rocky received was a letter of best wishes from New Jersey governor Brendon Byrne and a velvet robe from manager Lou Duva with the red letters R-O-C-K-Y emblazoned across the back. Promoter Dan Duva also gave Lockridge an award—a gold record with Rocky's (he's also a musician) favorite song on it, "Ain't no stopping us now." With his loyal and lovely wife, Carolyn at his side, Lockridge told his fans that the featherweight title would be in New Jersey after he faced Pedroza.

The presentations had been preceded by an appetizer of two bouts and one mismatch. In the opening bout, debuting southpaw Jesus Serrano, New York City, stopped Ed Kinney, Butler, N.J., in 1:33 of the second round with a right to the chin. Serrano and Kinney are junior lightweights. In the evening's second fight, Emerson, N.J.'s Dennis Mulligan, 155, captured a four-round decision against Rick Hamlisch, 158, Belleville, New Jersey. The mismatch saw unbeaten Tommy Merola, 160, Newark, halt the Pillsbury Doughboy, Pedro Azevedo, 162, New York City, in 2:20 of the first round. Aside from being soft, flabby, pudgy, slow, and inept, Azevedo is a talented fighter.

Following the presentations to Lockridge, incredibly talented Tony Ayala, Jr., 156, San Antonio, squared off against Philadelphia veteran Archie Andrews, 161. There wasn't much squaring off to do. Ayala halted Andrews in 1:58 of the opening round. Ayala is now 4-0 with four first-round knockouts.

In an always exciting bout, Tony Suero, 149, Vineland, N.J., stopped "Irish" Sean Mannion, 148, South Boston, Mass., on cuts in the eighth round. The crowd had booed Suero throughout the contest because of his rough tactics, and especially jeered him after he opened a nasty cut above Mannion's right eye at the end of the seventh round. The cut bled profusely, and after a few moments of action in round eight, referee Vinnie Rainone said, "No more." The victory upped Suero's record to 7-0 (six knockouts), and gave him the ESPN Eastern Welterweight Crown. The bout was scheduled for 10 rounds.

In a scheduled 10-rounder for the ESPN National Lightweight Semi-Finals, Curtis Harris, Paterson, N.J., stopped Philadelphia's Charlie "Choo-Choo" Brown in the fourth round with a perfectly-timed left hook to the chin. Brown arose on unsteady legs, and referee Sammy Sangis ended the contest right there. Brown had been down in the first round and also in the second.

In the final bout of the evening, Bobby Czyz, 160, Wanaque, N.J., stopped New York City's Johnny Davis, 157, in the first round after Davis had quit claiming a thumb in the eye. There was no thumb, only a lot of heavy punches from the now 7-0 Czyz. Davis, who should be suspended indefinitely, is now 3-28-1. He has kayoed all of three opponents.

The card, shown on ESPN, was co-promoted by Bob Arum and Main Events.

RANDY GORDON

NEW YORK

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum — Where there's smoke, there's fire, or so the saying goes. That old saying changed a bit, because where there was smoke—"Smokin' " Marvis Frazier — there was also plenty of heat—John "The Heat" Verderosa.

Frazier, son of former heavyweight king "Smokin' Joe," was making his pro debut, while Verderosa, from nearby Staten Island, was making his Forum debut.

Despite his tremendous press buildup, Marvis Frazier is not a super heavyweight. He will have to work hard for many of his victories, as he did in victory number one, a second-round stoppage of Vineland, N.J., Roger Troupe.

Frazier, 198, Philadelphia, looked a bit tense as the opening bell rang. He carried that nervousness throughout the course of the fight. Working with an already-educated left jab to Troupe's head and body, Frazier looked to be well on his way to victory, when, with seconds remaining in the first round, Troupe nailed Frazier on the chin with a right. Frazier was hurt, and held onto the ropes for support. He also lowered his head and began to turn away, something no seasoned pro should do. But nobody ever accused young Frazier of being a seasoned pro, just a real good amateur fighter. The bell came as relief to the Frazier corner, and between rounds, the former champ told his son, "Use those legs, use that jab. Work!" Marvis listened well.

He beat up Troupe in the second round, dropping him with a right lead. However, Frazier was wobbled again near the end of the round by another right. This time he smartly moved out of trouble.

Frazier continued to jar Troupe in round three with holting hooks and jabs. Troupe was breathing heavily, and you could see the end was near. The end came after Frazier put him down and halfway through the ropes with another right. Although he got up, referee Johnny LoBianco would not allow him to continue, and halted the fight at 2:02 of the round.

Frazier, who has signed a one-year contract with Madison Square Garden to promote his fights, with an option for renewal, will be seen in the Felt Forum perhaps another two times before 1980 is over. He's a talented athlete who will only get better with experience.

The main event of the evening uncovered a new star for Madison Square Garden. John "The Heat" Verderosa, 132½, looked like another Willie Pep as he thoroughly outclassed Brooklyn's Louis "The Syrian" Hubela, 132½.

The always-cocky Verderosa displayed his cockiness before the fight, as ring announcer Jak Brami was making the introductions. He danced in front of Hubela and smiled at him, firing punches in his direction. Hubela just shook his head. Verderosa's brashness never left him.

From the opening bell, Verderosa was in command. He was too quick and agile for Hubela, who seemed ponderous at times, puzzled at others. The rounds never varied. Hubela chased, Hubela plodded, Hubela caught. Verderosa ran, Verderosa boxed, Verderosa scored. With both hands. With any punch he desired. At the end of every round he threw his arms triumphantly in the air. Out of frusration, Hubela slapped Verderosa on the back of his head as "The Heat" turned to go to his corner at the end of round six. It was a move the always-polite Hubela later apologized for.

Worn-out, tired and battered, Hubela was soaking up punches when referee Johnny LoBianco stopped the fight at 2:49 of round seven. It was Hubela's first loss in 21 fights, and the undefeated Verderosa's 12th consecutive victory. He has stopped nine opponents.

Both Verderosa and Hubela were former New Faces in The Ring, marking the first time New Faces had ever fought each other.

In other bouts on the card, John Davis, 173, Hempstead, New York, reversed an earlier loss by winning a unanimous decision over southpaw Bernard McLean, 175, Brooklyn, eight. Referee Vinnie Ferguson had it 5-2-1, judge John Mascio scored 5-3, and judge Al Reid saw it 6-2. It was a hard fought battle all the way, with the eighth round being the best action round of the fight. Both deserve applause. Davis is now 10-2, McLean 5-10.

In a scheduled four-round fight, Jose Figueroa, 125, The Bronx, stopped Manhattan's Jorge Vasquez, 127, in 2:48 of the first round. Referee: Vinnie Ferguson.

Philadelphia's James Shuler, America's Olympic middleweight representative, made his professional debut a successful one, halting Chris Rogers, Elizabeth, N.J., in 1:28 of the second round. Shuler, who looks to be an excellent prospect, weighted 158. Rogers scaled 157½. Referee: Vinnie Ferguson.

In a six-rounder, Tony Santana, 132, Brooklyn, stopped Philadelphia's Robert Johnson, 134, in 1:19 of the final round. Referee: Bill Tate.

There were three other four-rounders on the card. Debuting southpaw Camacho, 127, New York City, outpointed David Brown, 129, Paterson, N.J. King Edward Range, 194, kayoed Dennis Riley, 210, in round one. Both are from New York City. In the opening bout of the night, Jimmy Longo, 140, New Paltz, N.Y., decisioned New York City's Norberto Figueroa, 138½.

RANDY GORDON

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Madison Square Garden — The heavyweight division is in sorry shape. Larry Holmes and Muhammad Ali proved that in Las Vegas on October 2, and Greg Page proved it on the live card that accompanied the closed circuit telecast of "The Last Hurrah" in MSG.

Page, 225, Louisville, Ky., looked bad in his scheduled 10-rounder with Dave "Big Foot" (read "Big Stiff") Johnson, 250, Bowie, Md., who carried a 12-6 (four kayoes) record into the arena. Greg won the first round, jabbing "Big Foot" as he pleased, and stepped the pace up in the second. In the third, however, Johnson caught him with a big right hand that wobbled him and almost knocked him down. Dave then opened up, and had Greg holding on. Another right staggered Page in the fourth frame. The fifth round was about even, with Greg trying to get his rhythm back.

A good left hand to the stomach dropped Dave in the sixth round. He got up, but a flurry put him down again. He managed to get up, but Page then caught him with a right hand to the body, and ref Harold Valan waved his arms at 1:51 as Johnson doubled up in agony along the ropes.

Page is now 13-0 with 12 kayoes.

Baby Kid Chocolate, 118, Philadelphia, surprised a lot of people by the good fight he waged against Carmelo Negron, 121½, Puerto Rico, in their scheduled 10-rounder. Choco caught Negron coming in and caught him over the right eye in round one. A one-two put the Philly fighter down in the beginning of the second, but the Kid fought back, and cut Carmelo on the right eyebrow.

After an even fifth round, Negron floored Chocolate with a left hook in the sixth. A terrific left to the stomach put the Kid down for the full count in the seventh, with referee Vincent Rainone reaching "10" at 0:53 of the round.

Negron has now won all 14 of his pro fights by kayoes, but he's not the devastating hitter that his record would suggest. Carmelo is like a miniature Rocky Marciano. He hits hard enough, but most of his kayoes come from the great way that he wears down his opponents. Chocolate took some of his best shots, but it was only a matter of time before Negron's pressure would have done its job — with or without that great punch to the stomach.

Chocolate is now 18-5 with eight knockouts.

The first 10-rounder of the evening was the most even matchup, pairing Brooklyn favorite Johnny Turner, 144½, and Pat Hallacy, 146½, Wichita, Kansas. Hallacy, a southpaw, caught Turner coming in and cut him over the left eye in the first round. Pat had things pretty much his own way till he tired in the fifth round, and Johnny came on strong.

Hallacy knocked Turner's mouthpiece out in the seventh and ninth rounds, but that seventh frame clearly belonged to Johnny. Pat's corner gave him some hard talking to between rounds, but the eighth was won by Turner, who got Hallacy on the ropes near the bell.

Pat won the ninth round, but his corner sensed the bout was close. "Don't you back up one second during this round," Hallacy was told before the bell started the 10th. He didn't. Turner was out on his feet at the end, but was still trying.

Referee Tony Perez scored the fight a 4-4-2 draw; judge Tony Castellano had it 6-4, Turner; and judge Eva Shain saw it 7-3, Hallacy. *The Ring* had it 6-3-1, Hallacy, giving Pat the first, second, fourth, sixth, ninth, and 10th rounds. Turner the fifth, seventh, and eighth, and calling the third canto even.

Hallacy is now 27-4-1 with 11 kayoes. Turner is 37-4-2 with 29 knockouts.

Ron Huston, 175, New Bedford, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Cornell Chavis, 179, New York, in the six-round curtain raiser. A left hook floored Chavis in the fifth.

Referee Vincent Rainone had it 5-0-1; judge Tony Castellano scored it 5-1-0 and judge Eva Shain saw it 4-2, all in favor of Huston, who is now 11-0 with nine kayoes. Chavis is 5-5 with three knockouts.

Timekeeper — Fred Abbatiello.

Paid attendance — 20,099 (sell out). Gross — $657,618.52.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

▲ WHITE PLAINS — Westchester County Center — Ralph Kiner was reputed to have said, "Home run hitters drive Cadillacs; singles hitters drive Chevys." Whether the home run slugging outfielder actually ever uttered those deathless words is immaterial; the essence of the quote is what counts. And it is as true for boxing as it is for baseball.

Take the case of Renaldo (Mr.) Snipes. Snipes is a powerfully-built 23-year-old product of the Chicago Golden Gloves, now fighting out of Yonkers, New York. After 15 professional fights, the 6' 3", 218-pound Snipes found himself just one fight away from recognition. And, more important, the big bucks the big boys get.

That one fight was Larry Alexander, a quasi-name fighter, once out of Memphis and now fighting out of Vineland, New Jersey, who was ranked number 17 in *Ring*'s U.S. Ratings. Alexander's career had been checkered. The 6' 5", 230-pounder had won 29 of his 37 fights, 16 by KO, but his primary purpose in the ring had been to serve as the "opponent." He had been the opponent against Greg Page and had pummelled Page pretty good before succumbing on an early knockout, the first in his career. He had taken George Chaplin's best punches, even decking the Baltimore cutie, before being bested in ten. And now, he was in against Mr. Snipes. Round One found Snipes emulating an Arthur Murray graduate lesson and Alexander, with an economy of effort, attempting to cut off the ring. The score at the end of round one was a double no-hitter, Mr. Snipes having charaded as Mr. Swipes, winging his haymaker from somewhere North of Yonkers and Alexander content to catch everything and anything Snipes swiped at, without every making him pay the price for his constant wild misses. Round Two shaped up the same way, Snipes throwing and Alexander catching. That is, until about two minutes were

gone in the round. Then, Snipes delivered his home run swing, a wild overhand right which Alexander caught — flush on the jaw, and crumbled under the bottom rope. Just barely beating the count, Alexander retreated to the ropes, where the suddenly awakened Snipes unloaded on him, causing his knees to buckle and referee Herbie Kronowitz to stop the fight just 2:08 into the second round.

The knockout was a sensation for Snipes and gave some — albeit, not a helluva lot — nourishment for his ultimate movement into the ring against the bigger boys. Unlike Alexander, who admitted after the fight, "I never saw the punch", they might see it and make Mr. Swipes pay for missing. But until someone does, Renaldo Snipes can get away with what he does best, murder.

On the undercard, Robert "Pee Wee" Rucker, 135-pounder from New York, kept his unbeaten streak alive at 16 with a unanimous eight-round decision over John McQueen, 134 pounds, Philadelphia; Paul DeVorce, 128, Yonkers, New York, won his pro debut knocking out Anthony Fox of Philly, 126, at 1:10 of the first round; Pepino Oguendo, 128, Bronx, also won his debut, gaining a unanimous four-round decision over "Brother" James Marshall, 125, Harlem, N.Y.; Doug DeWitt, 165, Yonkers, kept his record unblemished, with a unanimous six-round decision over Larry Davis, 166, of Elizabeth, N.J.; Bobby Walker, of Stamford, N.J., scored a unanimous six-round win over Eric Winbush of New York in a cruiserweight match-up; Mike Passero, of Washington, at 140, TKO'd Glen Monick, Greenwich, Conn., 138, at :52 of the fourth round with as fine a display of backhands as ever seen; John Moollander, Long Island, knocked out Jimmy Brown, 160, Vineland, New Jersey, at 2:36 of the first; and undefeated Bill Costello of Kingston, N.Y., knocked out a reluctant Paul "Earthquake" Moore, who came all the way from Philly to lose at 2:23 of the first round in a junior welterweight "contest."

The gate of $21,200 not only attested to Mr. Snipes'-drawing power, but also provided the promoters, Momentum Enterprises, with the third largest house they've ever had.

JUDGE HOLLAND

OHIO

▲ COLUMBUS — Bush Armory — Billy "Dynamite" Douglas, 180, Columbus, decided to return to ring warfare, and thrilled his fans with a fourth round TKO over Cleveland rival William "Nightlife" Kince, 185. Douglas, who had been inactive since his March loss to Jerry Martin, said that he'd been training hard for a comeback, and wanted to prove that he still had plenty of firepower left.

Douglas came after Kince, and put the pressure on him, throwing nothing but hard power jabs and left hooks. Kince was elusive, content to stay out of Bill's kayo range. His strategy looked like it was paying off until early in the fourth round, when he got too close to Douglas' left hand and was caught with a crunching hook to the side of the head. Douglas took advantage of the situation, trapped Kince on the ropes, and opened fire until referee Tony Johnson called things to a halt at 2:10 of the round. The bout was scheduled for eight cantos.

Grey "Punching" Netter, 147, Columbus, won unanimous decision over game Sam Gervin, 146, Columbus, eight. The bout was billed as a "grudge" rematch. Netter had stopped Gervin in the 10th round of their first contest.

Ed (Rocky) Temple, 165, Gahanna, TKO'd Earl Caldwell, 160, Columbus, at 1:10 of the third. Caldwell was sent reeling from a barrage of overhand rights, and just couldn't recover.

Thomas "Jingles" Moody, 156, Columbus, made a successful pro debut by stopping experienced James Leftwich, 162, East Columbus. Leftwich, a southpaw, took the fight on a two-hour notice, and couldn't get untracked against the taller Moody. The bout was stopped at 2:27 of the fourth.

"Young" Darnell Hayes, 190, Columbus, TKO'd "Squeak" Jones, 200, South Columbus, at 2:01 of the third round in a scheduled four. Hayes is only 18 years of age.

The most exciting contest was the opener between Kean McGill, 135, Lancaster, and Chico "The Bee" Rodriguez, 132, East Columbus. McGill, who is undefeated with two kayoes in two fights, talked Rodriguez, opening with flurries of lefts and rights that sent "The Bee" to the canvas for an eight-count in the first round. Rodriguez tried to regain his composure in the second round, jabbing, moving, and dancing away from McGill's lethal combinations. Then it happened. The crowd, as well as Chico Rodriguez, was taken by surprise. McGill unleashed a smashing right to the jaw set up by a quick jab, and Rodriguez slumped to the canvas, falling through the ropes and on to the ring apron. Referee Tony Johnson counted 10 over the fallen Rodriguez before he started to stir. The official time was 1:50 of the third.

Referee — Tony Johnson.
Judges — Sam Lowenthal, Lou Mueller, Mike Ancona.
Promoter — Sam Ibrahim.
Attendance — 595.

▲ COLUMBUS — Sheraton Ballroom — Steve Gregory, 153, Columbus, stood toe-to-toe with Steve Moyer, 156, San Diego, for 10 rounds in one of the most grueling ring battles ever held in this city. The result was a unanimous decision win for Gregory by scores of 97-96, 98,96, and 98-93.

Gregory took the fight to Moyer, trying to stay inside his range, and scoring with punches to the body and occasional overhand rights to the head. Moyer, who had brought his uncle, former world junior middleweight champ Denny, in to work his corner, started the evening off jabbing and moving. Midway through the first round, though, he changed his style. He began to work inside with Gregory, and the pace was fast and furious. The fighters constantly rocked each other with lethal barrages for the rest of the contest. The crowd awarded both men with a standing ovation at the end of the last round.

Gregory's record is now 24-1-2. Moyer is 21-4-4.

Scott Huston, 190, Columbus, knocked out Bob Whaley, 220, Columbus, in 0:27 of the second round. Whaley had decided to retire.

Tom Huston, 165, Columbus, the younger of the fighting Huston brothers, stopped game Mack Farley, 163½, Columbus, at 2:38 of the third round in a scheduled four. Referee Tom Hampton ruled that Farley couldn't continue because of the excessive flow of blood from his nose.

Gary Barbour, 147, Muncie, Indiana, stopped Randy Smith, 146, South Columbus, at 2:45 of the first round.

Bill Bradley, 148, Muncie, won unanimous decision over Collins Keller, 152, South Columbus, four.

Darnell Hayes, 180, Columbus, upped his record to 6-0 by knocking out Dan Townsend, 190, Newark, with a left hook to the body at 1:02 of the second round.

All the bouts, except the main event, were scheduled four-rounders. Doyle Baird and Bill Douglas were at ringside.

Referees — Larry Bentley, Tom Hampton.
Judges — Tom Keyes, Frank Reda, Don Woodland.
Commissioner — Harold Adams.
Timekeeper — Wendell Barnes.
Physician — Ben Kaplan.
Promoter — Harold Wonnel.
Attendance — 1,100.

DAN O'MALLEY

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ PHILADELPHIA — Martin Luther King Arena — Unpredictable local Jerome Artis counterpunched his way to a 12-round unanimous decision over Allentown's Jose Gonzalez in a match billed for the Pennsylvania lightweight. The regional crown had been vacant for some time, and, regardless of the quality of the combatants, Artis is now the Commonwealth champ.

It was hardly the sort of bout that had the fans on their feet, or on the edge of their seats for that matter. Artis was quicker and, overall, possessed far greater boxing skills. He peppered the game loser in most rounds with light combos to the face and dug hard to the body when the opportunity presented itself.

Gonzalez, a pound up at 135, tried hard, fighting three minutes of every round, but except for an occasional looping right, he never threatened to take the play away from Artis. It was a fight void of highlights.

The scoring, received well by the pro-Artis crowd, was as follows: judge Bob LaGuardia, 58-54; judge Tommy Cross 57-53; and referee Frank Capcino 56-53, all in favor of Jerome.

"I stunk," said the always glib winner following the bout. "I still think I'm good enough to be a contender, but at what level, that's the question. I know now that it's going to take more work than I anticipated."

Artis has always been somewhat of an enigma. As an amateur, he beat Sugar Ray Leonard and went on to win a national AAU title. Following a good winning run the first several years of his career, Jerome folded against Alexis Arguello at MSG, and rapidly developed into a touring loser. After several seasons on the road, he is back in Philly, trying to rebuild.

Philadelphian Al Styles, 158, outpointed Mario Maldonado, 160½, over eight. Styles enjoyed a reach advantage that he employed to good use in beating Maldonado, Vineland, N.J., to the punch. There were no knockdowns in another bout that failed to excite.

Ron Aurit, the fighting school teacher, knocked out Pedro Lebron at the 56 second mark of the seventh round in another scheduled eight.

Aurit, 132½, had been outboxing his gutty adversary in every round when he found Pedro's chin with a perfect right cross. Lebron, 130, Kennett Square, Pa., dropped like a rock and remained prone for the full count.

Aurit, who has only lost to rugged banger Mike Ross, is hoping to face Artis in a local showdown in the near future. He has a strange ring style and a bout with the always tricky Artis could very well be a bull-slinger's delight.

Freddie Reyes, 136, outpounted Billy Jones over four action rounds in the best rumble of the night. Jones, 135, was under heavy pressure all the way from the swarming Puerto Rican, but fought back with hard left hooks to make it interesting.

Both men are from Philly.

James Tucker, 150, pole-axed Walli Abhulah, 141, with a sweeping right uppercut to score a knockout at 1:35 of the fourth and final round in another all-Philadelphia match.

Isidro Ruiz, 133, Phila., make quick work of—now, get this—Yah Yah Twahedde, 132, Germantown. Yah Yah went bye-bye in just 53 seconds of the opening round.

Promoter—Impact Promotions.
Matchmaker—Howard McCall.
Attendance-1,200 (estimate).

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ SCRANTON — Catholic Youth Center — "Irish" Johnny Turner, 146, Brooklyn, New York, halted Alfonso Hayman, 145, Philadelphia, at 2:02 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10-rounder. Turner has become a Scranton favorite.

Referee Joe Salci stopped the bout as Turner was pouring right hands on Hayman and a nasty gash opened over Al's left eye. It had been a good contest. Turner hurt his opponent in the third and fourth rounds with right hands, dropping him at the close of the third. Johnny took some of Alfonso's better punches in the scrap, but he absorbed them well.

Turner wobbled Hayman with a left hook at the bell in the fifth

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Gerry Cooney (N.Y.)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Leon Spinks (Mo.)
4. Greg Page (Ky.)
5. Leroy Jones (Colo.)
6. John Tate (Tenn.)
7. Marty Monroe (Calif.)
8. George Chaplin (Md.)
9. Stan Ward (Calif.)
10. Scott LeDoux (Minn.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Jerry Martin (Pa.)
1. James Scott (N.J.)
2. Yaqui Lopez (Calif.)
3. Marvin Johnson (Ind.)
4. Marvin Camel (Mont.)
5. Michael Spinks (Mo.)
6. Carlos DeLeon (P.R.)
7. Mike Rossman (N.J.)
8. Jesse Burnett (Calif.)
9. Pablo Ramos (Ohio)
10. Murray Sutherland (Mich.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Vito Antuofermo (N.Y.)
2. Dwight Davison (Mich.)
3. Curtis Parker (Pa.)
4. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
5. Sammy NeSmith (Ind.)
6. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
7. Ernie Singletary (Pa.)
8. Ray Seales (Wash.)
9. Vinnie Curto (Mass.)
10. Frank Fletcher (Pa.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Steve Delgado (Ariz.)
1. Tony Chiaverini (Mo.)
2. Jerry Cheatham (Ariz.)
3. Nino Gonzalez (N.J.)
4. Roger Leonard (Md.)
5. Tyrone Rackley (Ariz.)
6. Zeferino Gonzalez (Calif.)
7. Milton Owen (Fla.)
8. Nick Ortiz (P.R.)
9. Rocky Mosley, Jr. (Nev.)
10. Babs McCarthy (Calif.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Ray Leonard (Md.)
2. Wilfred Benitez (P.R.)
3. Pete Ranzany (Calif.)
4. Randy Shields (Calif.)
5. Adolfo Viruet (N.J.)
6. Luis Resto (N.Y.)
7. Greg Stephens (Calif.)
8. Clint Jackson (Tenn.)
9. Manuel Jiminez (P.R.)
10. Johnny Turner (N.Y.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Willie Rodriguez (Pa.)
1. Esteban DeJesus (P.R.)
2. Bruce Curry (Texas)
3. Monroe Brooks (Calif.)
4. Domingo Ayala (P.R.)
5. Sal Lopez (Calif.)
6. Ruby Ortiz (N.Y.)
7. Sean Mannion (Mass.)
8. Mark Ibanez (Hawaii)
9. Larry Stanton (N.Y.)
10. Leroy Haley (Nev.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Howard Davis, Jr. (N.Y.)
1. Edwin Viruet (P.R.)
2. Sean O'Grady (Okla.)
3. Johnny Lira (Ill.)
4. Herman Montes (Calif.)
5. Jorge Morales (P.R.)
6. Gonzallo Montellano (Calif.)
7. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
8. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
9. Reynaldo Zaragoza (Calif.)
10. John Verderosa (N.Y.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Samuel Serrano (P.R.)
2. Frankie Baltazar (Calif.)
3. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
4. Arturo Leon (Ariz.)
5. Robert Mullens (S.C.)
6. Greg Coverson (Mich.)
7. Ernest Bing (N.J.)
8. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
9. Johnny Sato (Calif.)
10. Roy Hernandez (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Ruben Castillo (Calif.)
1. Rocky Lockridge (N.J.)
2. Danny Lopez (Calif.)
3. Juan LaPorte (N.Y.)
4. Alberto Collazo (Pa.)
5. Abdul Bey (Hawaii)
6. Jose Caba (Calif.)
7. Gerald Hayes (N.J.)
8. Warren Matthews (La.)
9. Rocky Garcia (Calif.)
10. Fel Clemente (Calif.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Mike Ayala (N.Y.)
1. Nicky Perez (Ariz.)
2. Frankie Duarte (Calif.)
3. Jaime Garza (Calif.)
4. Carmelo Negron (N.Y.)
5. Edwin Rosario (P.R.)
6. Derrik Holmes (Md.)
7. Javier Flores (Utah)
8. Earl Large (Ariz.)
9. Cookie Valencia (Utah)
10. Melvin Johnson (Calif.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Jeff Chandler (Pa.)
1. Alberto Davila (Calif.)
2. Johnny Carter (Pa.)
3. Oscar Muniz (Calif.)
4. Andres Hernandez (P.R.)
5. Ricardo Varela (Calif.)
6. Mario Chavez (Calif.)
7. Fred Jackson (Tex.)
8. David Capo (P.R.)
9. Luis Rosario (P.R.)
10. George Garcia (Calif.)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Joey Olivo (Calif.)
2. Orlando Maldonado (P.R.)
3. Willie Jenson (Nev.)
4. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
5. Javier Mendoza (Calif.)
6. Mike Stuart (Calif.)
7. Jose Ortiz (P.R.)
8. Mark Pacheco (Nev.)
9. Candy Iglesias (Ariz.)
10. Alonso Gonzales (Calif.)

Larry Holmes (Pa.), world heavyweight champion; Mike Weaver (Calif.), WBA heavyweight champion; Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pa.), world light heavyweight champion; Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (N.Y.), WBA light heavyweight champion; Marvin Hagler (Mass.), world middleweight champion; Thomas Hearns (Mich.), WBA welterweight champion; Aaron Pryor (Ohio), world junior welterweight champion; Saoul Mamby (N.Y.), WBC junior welterweight champion; Hilmer Kenty (Mich.), WBA lightweight champion; Wilfredo Gomez (P.R.), world junior featherweight champion; Julian Solis (P.R.), world bantamweight champion.

round. John then trapped his foe against the ropes in round six, and had thrown eight consecutive right hands when the bout was stopped. Turner, who is managed by Vern DePaul, now goes into a bout with Pat Hallacy in Madison Square Garden. Hayman is handled by Ivan Cohen.

Ralph Mifka, 155, South Scranton, Pa., won unanimous decision over sub Mike Grant, 152, Philadelphia, in the eight-round semi-final. Grant was filling in for Tony Tassone.

Mifka showed the offense, while Grant came out of his cover up style with occasional flurries. Mifka turned his back on the Philadelphian in the sixth round, when Grant was covering, and it almost turned into disaster. Grant ran at Mifka, who quickly awakened as a punch was set to fly. "Remember, defend yourself at all times." Mifka is handled by Paul Hook O'Malley. Grant is watched by Robert Taylor.

Kevin Rooney, 145, Catskill, New York, a student at Albany State College, upped his record to 9-0 with a unanimous decision over Garland Wright, 143, Scranton. Wright, now 6-2-2, is managed by Hook O'Malley. Rooney is guided by Cus D'Amato.

Four-rounders: Mike Addesa, 173, Old Forge, Pa., TKO'd Chris McCrugdden, 171, Rochester, New York. Addesa, who was making his pro debut, floored McCrugdden three times in the first. Bobby Johnson, 133½, Easton, Pa., outscored Michael Brown, 129, Philadelphia. Johnson is now 3-0. Brown is 5-1.

Minooka Boxing Club. Paul Ruddy, matchmaker.

Attendance—2,500 (estimated).

JIM LEO

TEXAS

▲ LAREDO — Civic Center — Hometown favorite Sergio Reyes, 124⅔, made it two in a row since he was stopped by Ruben Olivares by winning a unanimous 10-round decision over Jose Batista, 124, Mexico.

In the semi-final of promoter Jorge de la Garza, Rafael Duran, 135, Laredo, put the skids to Eduardo Flores, 128½, Mexico, at the 2:14 mark of round four.

Alfredo "Sonny" Perez, 148, Laredo, used his eight-pound weight advantage to stop Mexican Juan Avalos 30 seconds shy of the third round's conclusion.

Juan Bernal, 116, Laredo, embalmed Arnulfo Hernandez, 121¼, Mexico, 57 seconds after the opening of round two. This fight, as well as the Perez-Avalos fray, was scheduled for six heats.

Refugio Rodriguez, 129¼, Laredo, halted Sergio Reyna, 127, Mexico, 1:18 after the opening bell. Slated for four rounds.

In a clash between two gents from south of the border, Mario Angel Gomez, 117½, gained a unanimous four-round duke over Mario Rodriguez, 120.

▲ DALLAS — Convention Center Arena — The first boxing card in some time to play in this north Texas metropolis was staged by Dr. Gregory Stout. The attendance was a somewhat disappointing 500 (or less).

In the main event, local hero "Sugar" Ray Phillips, 158, starched Ernest "Pee Wee" Dunbar, 156, Spartanburg, South Carolina at the 1:16 mark of round one. Phillips, who this reporter felt was at one time the top middleweight prospect in the country, was making his first outing in some seven months.

Richard Lord, the son of Dallas' top fight manager, Doug Lord, made it two for two in the pro ranks by halting Hunterto Mendez, Mexico, 43 seconds into the third round. Richard weighed in at 130 for this bout, with Mendez two pounds lighter.

In somewhat of an upset, Mike (Hurricane) Hutchinson, 161, Dallas, a protegee of Curtis Cokes, copped a unanimous decision over comebacking veteran Roy Barrientes, 158, also from Dallas. Barrientes had reportedly trained quite a spell for this comeback, but will be advised by commission officials to think seriously about the future before trying again.

James Kenchen, halted O'Daniel Marks 1:15 of the initial fram in a middleweight contest.

Fred Dudley, 154, Dallas, kayoed Larry Jackson, 156, Dallas, at the 1:45 interval of round two. This was reportedly the same Larry Jackson who had campaigned in the future as the light heavyweight.

The Phillips-Dunbar bout was scheduled for 10 rounds, the Lord-Mendez affair for six, and all the other bouts for four.

▲ ODESSA — Ector County Coliseum — Hometown slugger Alvin Dominey, who usually either lives or dies by the knockout, stopped veteran Al Banks, 183, Dallas, at 2:42 of round four.

Popular southpaw Ruben Munoz, undoubtedly the top prospect in this northwest Texas city, raised his record to 8-0 by disposing of Mario Fuentes, 130½, Tucson. Munoz, 131, accomplished this feat in 2:31 of the second round.

Longtime west Texas amateur star James Cleveland continued his gradual progress in the pro ranks by halting Roy Salazar, 130¾, Tucson, at the 2:33 mark of round four. Cleveland, 131½, often works as a referee in Odessa area amateur bouts.

Young Richard Lord, 132, Dallas, made it three wins in three tries as a pro boxer by kayoing Reyes Polando, 130½, Tucson, at 1:52 of the final round in a scheduled six-rounder.

Paul Stephens, 160¾, Midland, scored a first round kayo over Marcario Estorga, 153½. Estorga is a former Odessa resident now billed out of Kansas.

Southpaw Zack Ferguson, 199, Dallas, captured a four-round split decision over massive Mike Hamby, 255, Odessa.

Steve Schwan, 164¾, Austin, TKO'd Joe Vargas, 164½, Odessa, at 2:44 of the third round.

Promoter — Fred Wilder.

Matchmaker — Ike Isaacs.

Attendance (est.) — 1,400.

▲ BEAUMONT — Civic Center — Melvin Dennis, 160, Houston, who has mixed mitts with the best that the junior middleweight and middleweight divisions have had to offer through the years, made one of his all too rare home area appearances a happy outing by pounding out a lopsided 12-round decision over Gumersindo "Tacho" Gamez, 159⅔, Houston, in defense of his Texas middleweight title.

After some rather lackluster opening rounds, Dennis used his great advantage in hand speed to pile up points in mid-ring while the pudgy Mexican constantly moved forward, taking everything that Melvin dished out but landing nothing in return.

Except for a flurry by Tacho in round seven, Dennis completely dominated matters from round five; winning every round by a wide margin. The unusual combination of a left jab followed by a left uppercut was Dennis' major weapon this evening, with the latter blow rocking the toughie from south of the border time and again. The great difference in the fight can best be seen in the three official scorecards, which read 118-111, 119-110, and 118-112, all for the heavily moustachioed Dennis.

Where does this leave Dennis? He hopes that this victory will lead to further action in his home area in the near future, with perhaps a title shot (a rematch) against Maurice Hope a possibility.

Gamaze may be the toughest cookie we've seen in a long time. Some 10 months ago, he was on the receiving end of a terrific pounding from Wilford Scypion — the worst licking seen around these parts in a long time where the recipient remained upright — and here again tonight, he took quite a pasting, only to still be moving forward when the closing bell rang. Unfortunately, a tough chin is not the only requirement for success in the ring, and Gamez — who trained some three months for this fight, reducing by near 20 pounds — is slow of foot with little or no punching power. With the length of time he trained for this bout, a better effort should have been forthcoming if he is to be considered for future main event fights in the region.

In the evening's semi-final, scheduled for eight rounds, Fred Jackson, 118, Houston, stopped Jose Luis Garcia, 116, San Antioni, at the 2:30 mark of round three. Jackson raised his record to 11-0 behind a vicious body attack. A rather unpleasant ending to this fight saw the usually popular Jackson booed by the fans when Garcia went down from a low blow. However, Garcia had run like a jackrabbit all evening long, fighting back only when cornered; and dropped from what seemed to be a relatively harmless shot to the hip area. However, when he got up, Garcia was holding his crotch and playing on the crowd's sympathy, which led to a chorus of boos from the balcony seats when Fred's hand was raised in token of victory.

Steve Hearon, 151½, Houston, used a flashing left jab to cut up Leon "Whitey" McCullum, also 151½ from Houston, and won via the TKO route at 1:55 of round five. Both of these chaps are trained by Naamon Peck, a former welterweight boxer in the fifties. Hearon is now 9-0.

The main attraction for the 1,152 fans on hand was the pro debut of longtime area amateur star Ronnie Shields, 139, Port Arthur. Shields, a three time national Golden Gloves champ who amassed a sparkling 243-21 record in the simon pure anks, was paired with veteran trial horse Ramiro Hernandez, 136, Rosita, Mexico.

Hernandez, who had given decent opposition to Sean O'Grady, Roberto Madrid, Billy Watkins, and Butch Smith in the recent past, was expected to provide a stern test for the debutant this evening. Such was not the case, as Ronnie landed virtually at will before a whistling left hook, almost too fast to see, deposited Ramiro on his knees for the count in mid-ring at the 2:55 interval of the initial stanza. Shields, who at age 18 lost a split decision to Ray Leonard in the finals of the 1976 Olympic trials, is definitely a young man to be reckoned with in the future; and it won't be long before he's making much larger sums of money than the $500 he received here tonight. Ronnie's trainer is Willie Savannah, who also handles Fred Jackson and has recently assumed the tutelege of Ed Green, the number one ranked 147-pound amateur in the U.S. Green is expected to turn pro in the near future. He was recently discharged from the Army.

In the other prelim bout on the card, Billy Watkins, Jr., 137½, Northshore, Texas, was awarded a TKO over substitute Roberto Medrano, 144, San Antonio, at the midway point of round three when Medrano couldn't continue due to a fractured hand.

Billy's younger brother, junior welterweight contender Termite Watkins, boxed a three-round exhibition with his sparmate, Mickey Webb.

Promoters — Bill Meyer and Ruben Guerra

Matchmaker — Tony Gardner

Commission Inspector — Bob Simpson

Referees — Chris Jordan and Manuel Hernandez

Judges — Bob Jacobs and Walter Artega

Timekeeper — Fred McWilliams

Knockdown Timer — Norris Treme

Attending Physician — Maxie Sprott, M.D.

▲ HOUSTON — Whiskey Junction — Another SRO crowd was on hand to see local favorite Billy Watkins, Jr., 136, extend his unbeaten string to 19 by disposing of Clyde Spencer, 139, McAlester, Oklahoma, at the 1:05 interval of round two.

Spencer, a journeyman scrapper billed as the Oklahoma junior welterweight champion, was sent to the canvas twice in the opening stanza, and probably shouldn't have been allowed to continue past that point. However, he did manage to struggle off his stool when the second round started, only to be pounded viciously by "BJ" and finally coming to rest flat of his back near the ropes in a neutral corner. The visitor needed several minutes assistance from attending physician Dr. J.A. Ward before he could leave the ring. For Billy, another fine showing . . . though his lack of general experience in the ring (little amateur background, and virtually all early wins as a pro) shows when he is paried with a quick moving opponent woe be unto the boxer who does as Spencer did and stands toe-to-toe with this thunderous slugger.

In another chapter of the rivalry between Houston trainers Jesse Bogar and Hector Rocha, Bogar's charge, Arturo Munoz, 130 TKO'd Rocha's man, Juan Campos, 133, when Campos was unable to continue after three fiercely contested rounds. Juan's left eye was completely closed, and apparently giving him considerable pain when Rocha, wisely called it quits for the evening. The bout had been virtually even to that point.

Fast becoming a marketable attraction here is quick moving Bobby "Butterfly" Pappion, 128¼, Lake Charles, Louisiana. This time, he made it three wins in a row at this arena by stopping Roberto "Baby" Perez, 134, San Antonio, with only two seconds remaining in round two. A crushing right hand bolo punch put Perez down for the count and drew a considerable amount of blood from his nose as well.

A scheduled four-round bout saw Mike "Streetfighter" Taylor, 157, Northshore, Texas, kayo well traveled Alfonso Aguirre, 160, San Antonio, midway through round three. Taylor decked the 34-year-old (looking much, much older) Alamo City fighter with several hard hooks to the short rib area. This victory raised the popular Taylor's record to 5-0, with Aguirre reportedly taking part in his 125th pro encounter. As a result of fan response, Mike was awarded the "fighter of the night" prize, which consists of a $100 bonus from the promoters.

Long time area amateur hoss "Tricky" Mickey Webb, 137¾, Alvin, Texas, entered into the punch-for-pay ranks and pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Israel Ibarra, 136½, Houston, A fine opening bout for an entertaining evening of boxing.

Attendance — 850 + (SRO).

Promoter — Olympiad Boxing Club.

Matchmaker — Tony Gardner.

Referees — Chris Jordan, Terry Daniels.

Judges — Colleen Godsy, Bill Yeager, Harvey Vaughn.

Timekeeper — Virgil Reichardt.

Knockdown Timer — Steve Reichardt.

Commission Inspector — Bob Simpson.

C.A. JACKSON

VIRGINIA

▲ NORFOLK — Local boxing has lost one of its best supporters. This writer met Charles F. Reilly, then a cub sports reporter, on May 15, 1930. Charlie usually covered boxing. When Tom Hanes, the head sportswriter, was promoted to editor, Charlie became the big wheel in the sports dept. Every sports reporter knew he was required to meet certain standards.

This correspondent will miss Charles F. Reilly. God bless his soul.

Will Joe Dinerman of Savannah, Georgia, get in touch with this reporter? Address: Jackie Levinson, 109-C, Suburban Parkway, Norfolk, Virginia 23505.

JACKIE LEVINSON

CANADA

NOVA SCOTIA

▲ HALIFAX — Ralph Hollett, 160, regained the Canadian middleweight title, stopping Chris Clarke, 153, at 1:25 of the second round in an awesome display of punching power not seen in Halifax since the days of Blair Richardson.

Referee Herb McMullen stopped the contest after Clarke went down three times in the second round.

Donnie Johnson, 156, Halifax, stopped Kerry Patherson, 171, New Glasgow, at 2:29 of the second round.

Roddie MacDonald, 174, Toronto, halted Maurice Moore, 164, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 0:38 of the second.

Bob Harvey, 146, Trurp, N.S., won unanimous decision over Mike Alvarez, 141, Newark, N.J.

Attendance — 3,000. Gross — $40,000.

GERRY SPEARS

QUEBEC

▲ MONTREAL — Paul Sauve Arena — Canadian lightweight champion Gaetan Hart won a unanimous decision over Pedro Acosta, Chicago, 10 rounds. The official scores were 49-43, 48-44, and 47-45. Referee Fred Deegan ordered two points off Acosta's score after he had warned him four times about rabbit punching.

Ghislain Deroy, Quebec, kayoed Frank Minnigan, Rochester, four, welterweights. Michael Lalonde, Hull, won unanimous decision over Mike Knox, Boston, eight. Conroy Nelson, Ottawa, halted Gaston Berube, Montreal, at 1:53 of the first round. Ron East, Buffalo, kayoed Ronald Barette, Hull, at 0:43 of the second. East and Barette were making their professional debuts.

The paid attendance was 4,323, and a dollar was taken from each ticket sale for the benefit of Ralph Racine, the Niagara Falls lightweight who was injured in a bout against Hart.

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ TECATE — Felipe Urquiza, 129, stopped Antonio "Indian" Perez, 130, in two. Juan Jose Ramirez, 125, TKO'd Gumaro Martinez, 124, in seven.

▲ CAMPECHE — Lupe Madera, 110, TKO'd Martin Gonzalez, 111, in six. Daniel Herrera, 126, TKO'd Fidel Trejo, also 126 in four. Jose Gabriel Tzab, 112, iced Carmelo Negrete, 113, in one. Mario Gonzalez, 117, outscored David Raygoza, 118, eight. Eleazar Montes, 134, outpointed Transito "Cumbia" Lopez, 136, eight.

DISTRICTO FEDERAL

▲ MEXICO CITY — Jorge Ramirez, 119, decisioned Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 118, 10. Agustin Toral, 147, halted Raul Arroyo, 151, in three. Federico Nunez, 117, stopped Jose Garibo, also 117, in five. Jesus Hernandez, 145, TKO'd Julio Toral, also 145, in two.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Gustavo Salgado, 124, TKO'd Joaquin Acuna, 126, in five. Federico Carreno, 125, chilled Jesus "Sonny Boy" Ramirez, also 125, in two. Chucho Ramirez, 135, outpointed Julio Martinez, 136, eight. Martin Perez, 109, outscored Efren Pinto, 108, six. Carlos Linares, 118, TKO'd Jorge Vicenteno, 117, in three.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 111, TKO'd Carlos de la Paz, 113, in two. Beto Perez, 125, and Nacho Rivera, 124, drew 10. Saul Linares, 125, stopped Ismael Rojas, 124, in two. Lalo Verdi, 135, won by a disqualification over Gregorio Roman, also 135, in two.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Freddie "Riel" Hernandez, 118, Colombia, outpointed Hector Cortes, 119, 10. Othon Guzman, 174, TKO'd Felipe Martinez, 167, in eight. Fili Gonzalez, 108, TKO'd Daniel Cuamani, 107, in six. Aaron Garcia, 111, out-

scored Roman Escalante, also 111, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Jorge "Martillo" Flores, 192, stiffened Javier "Chavelo" Lopez, 193, in six. Chucho Velazco, 125, outpointed Ruben Garcia, 124, 10. Juan Velazco, 120, TKO'd Tony Gallegos, also 120, in three. Neftali Ramirez, 110, flattened Nicolas Lopez, 111, in two.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Ricardo "Finito" Lopez, 110, TKO'd Samuel Machorro, also 113, in six. Eleoncio Mercedes, 112, Dominican Republic, outscored Rafael Morales, also 112, 10. Bernardino Pena, 118, won by a disqualification over Arturo Gonzalez, also 118, in nine. Diego Alcala, 116, outscored Eugencio "Pirata" Morgan, 119, six. Alberto Garcia, 111, knocked out Antonio Lopez, 110, in four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Raul Decaro, 119, outpointed Jorge Zarate, also 119, 10. Daniel "Changa" Guillen, 111, outscored Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 110, 10. Chucho Ramirez, 134, outpointed Pedro Molina, also 134, eight. Juan Gomez, 124, demolished Efrain Gomez, also 124, in one. Goyo Moran, 111, outscored Agustin Vicenteno, 110, four.

GUERRERO

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Elpidio Infante, 128, TKO'd Felipe Rodriguez, 129, in nine.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Beto Ramos, 135, TKO'd Trinidad Aguirre, 134, in four.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Ciro Cayetano, 114, outscored Manuel Luna, 116, 10.

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Rodolfo "Dorado" Martinez, 112, TKO'd Chano Munoz, also 112, two.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Jorge Vaca, 147, TKO'd Jesse Blanco, 146, in four to win the Jalisco State welterweight title. Julio Rangel, 126, stopped Juan Carlos Alvarado, also 126, in one.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Roberto "Lobita" Ramirez, 112, outscored Jose Acosta, also 112, 10.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Rosendo "Rocky" Alonso, 112, retained his Jalisco State flyweight title, stopping veteran Juan Jose Guzman, also 112, in five. Francisco Parra, 121, TKO'd Bruno Parra, 120, in seven. Ranulfo Cardona, 117, TKO'd Jesus Nuno, 116, in eight.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Victor Hernandez, 111, TKO'd Carlos Gomez, also 111, in one.

NUEVO LEON

▲ **MONTERREY** — Jose Luis Tapia, 135, halted Roberto Campos, 136, in four. Ricardo Sanchez, 125, kayoed Ceferino Luna, also 125, in two.

▲ **MONTERREY** — Jose Angel Cazares, 117, outpointed Alejandro Garcia, 116, 10.

▲ **MONTERREY** — Alberto Lopez, 146, knocked out Ruben Delgado, 147, in the second to retain his Mexican welterweight crown. Jose Luis Alvarez, 136 TKO'd Jose Delgado, 135, in seven. Guillermo Alvarez, 135, TKO'd Jose Luis Escalante, 134, in nine.

▲ **MONTERREY** — Jose "Chamizal" Hernandez, 145, outpointed Adan Chavarria, 146, 10. Francisco "Cuyo" Tovar, 123, outscored Natalio Quintero, 124, 10. Alberto Cortes, 124, TKO'd "Negro" Garcia, 125, in eight.

▲ **MONTERREY** — Jorge de Jesus, 112, TKO'd Baldomero Santos, 111, in eight. Lupe Martinez, 123, TKO'd Jose Facundo Lopez, 125, in three.

▲ **CADEREYTA** — Joel "Chato" Segura, 117, kayoed "Chino" Rosales in seven.

OAXACA

▲ **SALINA CRUZ** — Victor Vega, 122, stiffened "Chionoi" Andrade, 120, in three.

QUERETARO

▲ **QUERETARO** — Pedro Alonso, 114, halted "Venado" Tellez, 115, in five.

QUINTANA ROO

▲ **COZUMEL** — Juan Herrera, 112, TKO'd Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, also 112, in six. Ricardo "Leoncito" Peralta, 125, TKO'd Harvey Leon, 124, in nine.

SINALOA

▲ **LOS MOCHIS** — Betillo Gutierrez, 136, won a technical decision over Jose Luis Soberanes, 135, in five.

▲ **CULIACAN** — Norberto Cabrera, 118, outscored Jesus "Chuyin" Lopez, also 118, in 12, to retain his Mexican bantamweight title. Rosendo "Rocky" Alonso, 116, stopped Lupe Acosta, 117, in five. Tony Escobar, 117, flattened Angel Hernandez, also 117, in three.

▲ **CULIACAN** — Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 145, TKO'd Celso Olivas, 146, in five. Rodolfo Chavez, 119, iced Angel Lopez, 120, in one. Julio Cesar Chavez, 121, outpointed Miguel Cebrero, also 121, 10. Hector Medina, 119, TKO'd Rafael Chavez, 117, in eight.

SONORA

▲ **AGUA PRIETA** — Arturo Tabaqui, 108, halted "Olivaritos" Olguin, 107, in three.

▲ **HUATAMBO** — Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, stopped Manny Sanchez, 136, in six. "Camaron" Castro, 124, kayoed "Teto" Narvaez, also 124, in two. Hesiquio Gutierrez, 146, knocked out Jaime Leon, 147, in two.

▲ **EMPALME** — Daniel Lopez, 134, TKO'd veteran Saul Montana, 135, in seven.

▲ **HERMOSILLO** — Jose Luis Castillo, 136, stopped "Barretas" Hernandez, 135, in three. Roberto Collins, 127, and Ramon Peraza, 130, tech draw, two. Angel Felix, 110, knocked out Dagoberto Perinan, 108, Colombia, in five.

▲ **HERMOSILLO** — Juan Alvarez, 118, TKO'd Horacio "Curro" Pintado in eight.

TAMAULIPAS

▲ **CIUDAD MADERO** — Emeterio Villanueva, 172, TKO'd David "Maceton" Cabrera, 173, in four to win the Mexican light heavyweight title. Claro Guzman, 146, stopped Miguel Cruz, 145, in five. Cayetano Correa, 112, halted Guillermo Castillo, 111, in three. Lazaro Olguin, 115, outpointed Horacio Olguin, 114, six.

▲ **REYNOSA** — Juan Castellanos, 112, stopped Noe Vasquez, 111, in two. Ismael Qunitas, 145, halted Sergio Nunez, 147, in two. Jose Flores, 115, kayoed Ismael Moreno, 114, in four.

▲ **TAMPICO** — Ausencio "Torito' Melendez, 125, knocked out Vicente "Puppy" Garcia, also 125, in two rounds, winning the Tamaulipas State bantamweight title.

▲ **NUEVO LAREDO** — Gonzalo "Raton" Montes, 147, TKO'd Jose Duarte, 148, in eight.

▲ **REYNOSA** — Jose Flores, 147, TKO'd Sergio Rodriguez, 146, in seven. Antonio Gutierrez, 146, kayoed Ismael Qunitas, 145, in two.

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE** — John Hearns, 134, U.S.A., kayoed Jose Mireles, 137, in nine. Jesus Elizondo, 145, kayoed "Diablo" Saldivar, 146, in one.

▲ **REYNOSA** — Homero Gel, 112, outscored Alfredo "Nino" Segura, 111, 10. Juan Hernandez, 135, kayoed Francisco Lopez, 136, in four.

VERACRUZ

▲ **POZA RICA** — Juan "Mono" Garcia, 115, won by a disqualification over Victor "Vagabundo" Bautista, also 115, in five. Sixto Castillo, 134, TKO'd Reyes Gonzalez, 135, in three.

YUCATAN

▲ **MERIDA** — Miguel Canto, 112, returned to the ring after 11 months, outscoring Alfredo "Cachorro" Hernandez, 111, 10. Antonio Avelar, 112, TKO'd Alberto "Costeno" Morales, also 112, in the 10th round of a scheduled 12-rounder, winning the North American Boxing Federation flyweight crown. Alfonso Lopez, 111, Panama, TKO'd Pedro Galaviz, also 111, eight. Lupe Perez, 145, halted Enrique Verges, 146, in one. Pedro Lopez, 124, TKO'd Rafael Sosa, 125, in three.

▲ **IZAMAL** — Miguel "Pulgarcito" Leal, 108, TKO'd Julio Lizama, 109, in four. Babe San Martin, 135, outpointed Jose Guillermo "Torero" Bracamonte, 136, 10.

▲ **MERIDA** — Joaquin "Petrolero" Macias, 159, TKO'd Jose Luis Baquedano, 157, in eight to win the Mexican middleweight title. Juan Herrera, 112, stopped Baldo Gonzalez, also 112, in five. Paulino Canche, 118, outscored Alfredo Martinez, 117, 10. Jose Gabriel Tzab, 112, TKO'd Antonio "Chino" Benitez, also 112, in the first round. Calin Castro, 108, and Juan Jose Cano, 109, drew, six.

EDUARDO AMER G.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

▲ **SANTO DOMINGO — Sports Palace** — Leo Cruz kayoed Luis Barreto, Puerto Rico, in the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder, super bantamweights.

Enrique Sanchez knocked out Andres Torres the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder, bantames.

Milciades Pena won a split decision over Roberto Bido, 10, bantamweights.

Reyes Antonio Cruz TKO'd Felix Reyes in the third round of a scheduled six-rounder, lightweights.

Pungo Jorge TKO'd Elpidio Jimenez in the third round of a scheduled four-rounder, junior flyweights.

▲ **SANTO DOMINGO — Sports Palace** — Leo Cruz won a unanimous decision over Niliberto Herrera, Colombia, 10, super bantams.

Julio Guerrero TKO'd Ismael Torres, Venezuela, in the seventh frame of a 10-rounder, flyweights.

Ramon A. Nery Maria knocked out Juan Maria Ortiz in the third round of a scheduled six-rounder, flyweights.

Roberto Hernandez won unanimous decision over Jose Guerrero, six, junior lightweights.

CENTRAL AMERICA

BELIZE

▲ **BELIZE CITY — Bird's Isle** — Central American and Caribbean Boxing Federation junior welterweight champion Fitzroy Guissippi, 139½, Belize, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Julio Mendez, 138½, Mexico.

This was their third meeting. Mendez TKO'd Guissippi in three rounds in Mexico in 1975. A 1978 return bout in Belize resulted in a draw.

In this fight, Guissippi hit Mendez with every punch in the book. He consistent with stiff jabs and sharp right crosses in the early rounds, and the later frames were mainly fought on the ropes. Mendez pressed, and mixed his punches up with accurate uppercuts and hooks that seldome missed their mark. But the decision in favor of Guissippi was a fair one. The referee scored the contest 100-96, while the judges had it 100-92 and 98-97.

Carlton Bowers, 147¼, Belize, TKO's Cleophus Lord, 147, Belize, in the second round of the scheduled 10-round semi-final. Bowers is now 6-1.

Jose Chamaca Lopez, 119, Mexico, won unanimous decision over Roy (Shorty) Clarke, 1210½, 10. Scoring: 100-95, 100-92, 99-92. Clarke, the featherweight champion of Belize, has slipped.

Carlos Romero, 135, Mexico, won a majority decision over Henry (Fats) Fever, 136¾, Belize, eight. Scoring: 79-76 (twice), 78-78.

Martins Promotions.

BARNEY MAHLER

PANAMA

▲ **COLON — Arena** — Miguel Iriarte, 117¾, won unanimous decision over Rafael Pedroza, 115, 10 rounds.

Felix Rodriguez, 122¾, won unanimous decision over Jose Cueto, 10.

Felix Sune, 142, TKO'd Humberto Caicedo, 140¾, in the second round of their 10-rounder.

Carlos Jimenez, 115¾, won unanimous decision over Guillermo Aguillar, 119, four.

Promoter—Hermanos Torres.

Gross—$5,268.00.

▲ **SANTIAGO, VERAGUAS — Municipal Gymnasium** — Jorge Alvarado, 130, TKO'd Rafael "Chuna" Bernal, 132¼, at 1:03 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Cecilio Garibaldi, 125, and Victor Samudio, 124½, drew, 10.

Alex Moreno, 110, won unanimous decision over Antenor Patino, 109, four.

Jose Atencio, 108½, won unanimous decision over Anibal Moreno, 107, four.

Promoter—Panaprom S.A. (Luis Spada).

Gross—$376.00.

RAQUEL M. TORRES

SOUTH AMERICA

GUYANA

▲ **GEORGETOWN — National Sports Hall** — Mark Harris, 146, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Marcelle, 144½, 10. Leslie Allen, referee. Burtram Adams and Sydney Cummings, judges.

Christopher Bowen, 122½, won unanimous decision over Colin Morgan, 126, eight.

William Gordon, 144, won a split decision over Lennox Summerset, 147, eight.

Leslie Forde, 154½, knocked out Darnell Vandenburg, 155½, in the sixth and final round of their contest.

Samuel Brutus, 118, and Andrew Williams, also 118, drew, six.

Winston Goodridge, 124, won unanimous decision over Lennox Gray, also 124.

Spartan Boxing Promotions.

FLORENCE WASON

EUROPE

FRANCE

Boxing in France has been quiet of late, but our man in Paris, Paul Kennet, says we can expect plenty of action in the near future. European junior middleweight champion Marijan Benes makes a defense at Coubertin against the Frenchman, George Warusfel, and then the new French welterweight champion, Ronald Zenon, will defend against Richard Rodriguez. This is a long awaited bout with tremendous build up and excitement. Zenon beat Fred Corauson at Dunkirk for the vacant title on a ninth round kayo, but things could be different with Rodriguez in the opposite corner, who is a fast moving, scientific boxer. Zenon is fairly static, a forward walking boxer, but he moves

EUROPEAN RATINGS
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1980)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: John L. Gardner (GB)
1. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
2. Alfio Righetti (I)
3. Alfredo Evangelista (S)
4. Sylvain Watbled (F)
5. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
6. Gordon Ferris (GB)
7. Billy Aird (GB)
8. Rudi Gauwe (B)
9. Al Syben (B)
10. Felipe Rodriquez (S)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Rudi Koopmans (H)
1. John Conteh (GB)
2. Hocine Tafer (F)
3. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
4. Bunny Johnson (GB)
5. Ennio Cometti (I)
6. Karl Canwell (GB)
7. Christian Cavina (I)
8. Dennis Andries (GB)
9. Jean Louis Martin (F)
10. Tom Collins (GB)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Matteo Salvemini (I)
1. Alan Minter (GB)
2. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
3. George Steinherr (G)
4. Tony Sibson (GB)
5. Gratien Tonna (F)
6. Roy Gumbs (GB)
7. Frank Wissenbach (G)
8. Anoni Amana (S)
9. Pierre Joly (F)
10. Nicola Cirelli (I)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Marijan Benes (Y)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Pat Thomas (GB)
3. Steve Hopkin (GB)
4. Luigi Michillo (I)
5. Damiano Lassandro (I)
6. Jimmy Batten (GB)
7. George Warusfel (F)
8. Louis Arcaries (F)
9. Jose Hernandez (S)
10. Claude Martin (F)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
2. Dave (Boy) Green (GB)
3. Colin Jones (GB)
4. Kirkland Laing (GB)
5. Pierre Angelo Piras (I)
6. Alois Carmeliet (B)
7. Roland Zenon (F)
8. Richard Rodriguez (S)
9. Ciovanni Molesini (I)
10. Fred Coranson (F)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Giuseppe Martinese (I)
1. Jo Kimpuani (F)
2. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
3. Des Morrison (GB)
4. Sylvester Mittee (GB)
5. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
6. Perico Fernandez (S)
7. Colin Powers (GB)
8. Fernando Sanchez (S)
9. Christian Garcia (F)
10. Roberto Gambini (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Francisco Leon (S)
1. Jim Watt (GB)
2. Charlie Nash (GB)
3. Ray Cattouse (GB)
4. Ken Buchanan (GB)
5. Jose Louis Heredia (S)
6. Giancarlo Usai (I)
7. Manuel Velasquez (S)
8. Dave McCabe (GB)
9. Lucio Cusma (S)
10. Winston Spencer (GB)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Carlos Hernandez (S)
1. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
2. Charles Jurietti (F)
3. Ramon Merichal (S)
4. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
5. Aristide Pizzo (I)
6. Natale Vezzoli (I)
7. Maurice Apeang (F)
8. Jose Luis Vicho (S)
9. Isidor Cabeza (S)
10. Nino Jimenez (S)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Pat Cowdell (GB)
2. Cecilio Lastra (S)
3. Jimmy Flint (GB)
4. Manuel Masso (S)
5. Dave Needham (GB)
6. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
7. Marco Gallo (I)
8. Alfredo Mulas (I)
9. Laurent Grimbert (F)
10. Natale Caredda (I)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Johnny Owen (GB)
1. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
2. John Feeney (GB)
3. Estaban Eguia (S)
4. Vincente Rodriguez (S)
5. Valerio Nati (I)
6. Luis de la Sagra (S)
7. Davy Lamour (GB)
8. Giuseppe Fossati (I)
9. Guy Caudron (F)
10. Dave Smith (GB)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Charlie Magri (GB)
1. Manuel Carrasco (S)
2. Rodriguez Cal (S)
3. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
4. Sabatino DeFilippo (I)
5. Paolo Castrovilli (I)
6. Emilio Pireddu (I)
7. Mariano Garcia (S)
8. Mario Bitetto (I)
9. Filippo Belvedere (I)
10. Andre Dore (I)

Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) Finland; (G) Germany; (GB) Great Britian; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxemburg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Y) Yugoslavia.

fast enough when his opponent is hurt.

Jo Kimpuani has been stripped of his European junior welterweight title for not defending it on time. This was because of a recurring knee injury. He had undergone an operation for it, but it gave way again when he was in preliminary training for a title defense. He keeps his French title and is to defend against Christian Gracia.

Gratien Tonna has finally been disciplined by the F.F.B., the ruling body in France, for backing out of his title fight with Jacques Chinon. Tonna pulled out two days before the fight with Chinon, the reigning French middle champion, saying he was not fit, had not trained since losing to Kevin Finnegan and was weighing around 80 kilos. He has now been told that he cannot box anywhere for an indefinite period, or until he can prove that he can be taken seriously.

At the last big Paris show of the season in Couberhin, Loucif Hamani went through a sticky patch and a virtual K.O. before being declared the winner on points over American Mel Dennis in a middleweight 10-rounder. It also proved that Hamani is no longer a world class contender. Both men made three trips to the canvas, Dennis in the fourth (twice) and the sixth, Hamani in the sixth (twice) and the 10th. Hamani showed some of his old class but had problems with the elusive and ever dangerous Dennis. Hamani connected well, and had Dennis in trouble in the fourth, but the American got a hold on himself and managed to last the round out. Then, in the sixth, both men counterpunched at the same time and both went to the canvas. Dennis, up quickly, recuperated faster than Hamani, who was given an eight-count. But, from the time he went down till the time referee Baldeyrou finished his eight count, about 15 seconds had gone by, partly due to the confusion of Baldeyrou, who seemed at a loss seeing both fighters on the canvas.

Hamani had to face a storm, as Dennis came in punching and the Frenchman finished up on the floor for another eight-count. He was saved by the bell. Hamani was slow in recovering and it was not until round eight that he finally got back into the bout. He won this frame and the ninth and was just winning in the 10th when Dennis trapped him in a corner and a solid right hook landed flush on Hamani's jaw just as the final bell rung. Hamani's seconds helped their man back to his corner and he was still groggy when the verdict was announced—"Hamani on points."

Jacques Chinon, who was to have defended against Gratien Tonna, found Michel Pagani named but the latter was overweight and could not make the limit in time. Another opponent cried off because of short notice and, finally, Jose Hernandez, the deaf and dumb Spaniard, agreed to box his teammate over eight rounds. The result was a draw, but it was noticeable that the reigning Spanish champion and ex-European champion, Hernandez, never really put himself out.

Pierre Franch Winterstein, who is being pushed as a future champion, had more than he expected when he met Jean Luc Lami. Winterstein has not been beaten in nine starts and Lami had won only one of fifteen bouts. Lami, however, boxed rings around Winterstein and sent the latter to the canvas for two counts in the second. Winterstein was cut over and under both eyes, and blood ran from his nose and mouth. Lami shed blood from his nose and ear.

The battle went on until 15 seconds from the end of the sixth and final round, when Lami ran out of steam and the third man called a halt.

Claude Lancastre had a hard bout against Larry Mayes before finally regaining control and forcing Mayes corner to retire their boxer halfway through round five. Dominique Delorme was out of luck in his bout against Christian Chesini. In the first round, on a half hearted attempt by the referee to call break, Delorme let fly a perfect left hook to Chesini's jaw. Chesini promptly crashed to the canvas, out to the world, but woke up to find himself the winner—Delorme being disqualified.

What was proving to be an interesting bout saw Aldo di Benedetto stopped in round two by Jean Michel Kante because of facial cuts. Louis Acaries, in his first outing as a junior middle, beat Dyibril Bathily to win the vacant French title, which had been given up by George Warusfel. George has his eyes on the European crown.

▲ **VILLEURBANNE** — Junior welterweights: Costa Azevedo outscored Andre Holyk, 10. Junior middles: Cachama Musasa TKO'd Johnny Cooper, three.

▲ **NICE** — Welterweights: Jean Jacques Benchetrit kayoed Sergio D'Angelo, five.

▲ **VANDOEUVRE** — Middleweights: Christian Chesini outpointed Michael Moinard, six.

▲ **AIX EN PROVENCE** — Lightweights: Norbert Alcade TKO'd Aldo di Benedetto, two.

▲ **GRENOBLE** — Middles: Jose Lozano outpointed Kassongo Mukandjo, eight.

▲ **MARSEILLE** — Light heavyweights: Richard Caramanolis TKO'd Jose Centra, three.

▲ **MASSY** — Middleweights: Stephane Ferrara TKO'd Serge Sinelnikov, five.

▲ **COUBERTIN** — Middles: Loucif Hamani outscored Melvin Dennis, 10.

▲ **PARIS** — Sylvain Watbled kayoed Ivy Brown, two. Middleweights: Jacques Chin and Jose Hernandez drew, eight. Welters: Claude Lancasttre TKO'd Larry Mayes, five. Middles: Pierre Franch Winterstein TKO'd Jean Luc Lami, six. Middleweights: Christian Chesini won by disqualification over Dominique Delorme, one. Lightweights: Jean Michel Kante TKO'd Aldo di Benedetto, two.

▲ **DUNKIRK** — Lightweights: Dan M'Putu outscored Bingo Crooks, 10. Welterweights: Jean Marie Touati TKO'd Jean Pierre Moreau, three.

▲ **NOUMEA** — Heavyweights: Jo Fabiano TKO'd Vincent Kafoa, six. Middleweights: Raymond Nebayes kayoed Lesi Sailasa, four.

▲ **PAPEETE** — Featherweights: Samuel Mech outpointed Maurice Apeang, 10.

▲ **SALLENOVES** — Middles: Christian Chesini outscored Mario Norelli, six.

▲ **SAINT DENIS DE LA REUNION** — Light heavyweights: Hocine Tafer outpointed Avenamar Peralta, 10.

▲ **CONTONOU** — Junior welterweights: Andre Holyk TKO'd Jerrefee Sonny, three.

▲ **CONTONOU** — Lightweights: Leopold Agbazo kayoed Albert Amatler, two.

▲ **MONT DE MARSAN** — Luis Acaries won the vacant French junior middleweight title, knocking out Djibril Bathily, six.

▲ **LOME TOGO** — Lightweights: Andre Holyk and Aziza Bossou drew, 10.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1980)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (E)
1. Trevor Berbick (C)
2. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
3. Tommy Kiely (E)
4. Gordon Ferris (I)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Terry Mintus (E)
7. George Scott (E)
8. Winston Allen (W)
9. Steve Aczel (A)
10. Neil Malpass (E)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Z)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (U)
3. Bunny Johnson (E)
4. Gary Summerhays (C)
5. Tony Mundine (A)
6. Eddie Melo (C)
7. Murray Sutherland (C)
8. Ernie Barr (B)
9. Stan Bogovic (A)
10. John Odehiamba (U)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (E)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Ayub Kalule (U)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Z)
5. Chris Clarke (C)
6. Ralph Hollett (C)
7. Roy Gumbs (E)
8. Fernand Marcotte (C)
9. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
10. Howard Mills (E)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Gu)
1. Maurice Hope (E)
2. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)
4. Eddie Marcelle (T)
5. Steve Hopkin (E)
6. Elisha Obed (B)
7. Ross Eadie (A)
8. Charlie Malarkey (S)
9. Herol Graham (E)
10. Prince Rodney (E)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Colin Jones (W)
2. Dave (Boy) Green (E)
3. Kirkland Laing (E)
4. Josef Nsubuga (U)
5. Frank Ropis (A)
6. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
7. Joey Singleton (E)
8. Lachie Austin (A)
9. Peter Neal (E)
10. Hunter Clay (N)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (N)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Gu)
2. Clinton McKenzie (E)
3. Des Morrison (E)
4. Jeff Malcolm (A)
5. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
6. Mike Parsons (T)
7. Colin Power (E)
8. Fitzroy Giuseppe (T)
9. Joey Gibilisco (A)
10. Steve Early (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Claude Noel (T)
4. Gaetan Hart (C)
5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
6. Ray Cattouse (E)
7. Nick Furlano (C)
8. John Muwunga (U)
9. Ken Buchanan (S)
10. Dave McCabe (S)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Ford (Gu)
1. Pat Cowdell (E)
2. Eddie Ndukwu (N)
3. David Kotey (G)
4. Charm Chiteule (Z)
5. Dave Needham (E)
6. Jimmy Flint (E)
7. Brian Roberts (A)
8. Roger Henry (A)
9. Vernon Penprase (E)
10. Henry Saddler (G)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Owen (W)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. John Feeney (E)
3. Davy Larmour (I)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Mike Irunga (K)
6. Charlie Brown (A)
7. Wayne Mulholland (A)
8. Patrick Burns (A)
9. Mohammed Younis (E)
10. Glenn Walsh (A)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Ray Amoo (N)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Stephen Muchoki (K)
3. Steve Bell (A)
4. Pedro Solo (A)
5. Kelvin Smart (W)
6. John Hipwell (A)
7. Neil McLaughlin (I)
8. Dave George (W)
9. Joseph Adjei (G)
10. Attah Yeboah (G)

John Aba (Papua New Guinea) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Kazeem Armah (N), Willi Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (A).

Legend: (An) Antigua; (A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (C) Canada; (D) Dominica; (E) England; (Fiji) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (Gu) Guyana; (In) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (K) Kenya; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (To) Tonga; (T) Trinidad; (U) Uganda; (W) Wales; (Z) Zambia.

GERMANY

▲ **DUREN** — Junior middleweights: Horst Schulze outpointed Claude Kalenda, Zaire, eight. Junior middles: Reiner Kober and Gregory Marshall drew, four. Middleweights: Josef Kossmann and Klaus Klein drew, six. Middles: Mike McCoy outpointed Giampaolo Piras, four.

HOLLAND

▲ **ROTTERDAM** — Heavyweights: Rudi Lubbers outscored Robert Desnouck, Belgium, eight. Middleweights: Alex Blanchard kayoed Franz Dorfer, Austria, three.

ITALY

It was not surprising that Briton Kevin Finnegan lost his European middleweight crown to Italian Matteo Salvemini in San Remo. Finnegan's draw with German George Steinherr earlier this year left no doubt in anyone's mind that the Briton's wonderful 10-year career was drawing to an end. Finnegan lost this one all right, but the officials' scoring just didn't make sense. The Danish referee and the German judge did not give Finnegan a single round, while the Spanish judge gave both boxers five rounds with two even. Finnegan, with nearly 50 bouts to his credit, got cut about the left eye, but he was compensated with a purse of $40,000. Fewer than 2,000 were packed in the minature seaside resort auditorium, which had been set up mainly for TV coverage. Salvemini, 26, has never fought outside of Italy in a career of three years and 22 bouts, but no one has ever beat him, and 17 of his opponents failed to stay the full course. As an amateur, the Italian won a Bronze Medal at the European championships.

Clinton McKenzie of Great Britain looked certain to win Jo Kimpuani's European junior welterweight crown when he met Giuseppe Martinese, Italy, at Senegalia. After a tremendous start, McKenzie tired somewhat and then suffered a cut eye which finally caused a stoppage. Kimpuani's crown was taken from him when he failed to make a defense in the stipulated time. McKenzie made a positive start, and dominated the first four or five rounds. Trouble started in round six, when the Briton tired and was handicapped somewhat with a cut eye. Martinese had a good seventh, and got on top in the eighth when the Briton's eye injury got worse. The writing was on the wall in the 10th, when the Italian made McKenzie's laceration his target and brought about the Briton's retirement.

▲ **RIMINI** — Bonny McKenzie, Great Britain, outscored Walter Celvo, eight.
▲ **SENIGALIA** — Giuseppe Martinese won the vacant European junior welterweight title, stopping Clinton McKenzie, Great Britain, in round 10.
▲ **SAN REMO** — Matteo Salvemini won the European middleweight crown, outscoring Kevin Finnegan, Great Britain, 15.

SPAIN

Former WBC world junior welterweight champion Perico Fernandez has been banned from boxing for three years. He knocked out referee Gomezurrutia in his bout with Manuel Lira in Bilboa.

▲ **BARCELONA** — Featherweights: Manuel Masso outpointed Guy Caudron, eight.
▲ **LEON** — Roberto Castanon retained his European featherweight title, winning over Salvatore Meluzzo, who was disqualified in round nine. Bantamweights: Manuel Carrasco outscored Estaban Equia, eight.

JACK A. TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

JONES-NEAL
British Welterweight Title

▲ **GOWERTON, WALES** — Colin Jones, 147, Gorseinon, retained his British welterweight title, stopping Peter Neal, also 147, Swindon. The bout was halted in round five with Neal's left eye cut and swollen.

It was Jones' first appearance in his native country since he won the title, and promoter Eddie Thomas (who also manages Colin) engaged a Welsh choir to sing the boxers into the ring. It was an evening of emotion at the National Eisteddfod Pavilion.

The two contestants waited in their corners for the intrductions to be completed, and Neal looked like confidence personified. He acknowledged the shouts of encouragement from the 500 of his supporters who had made the trip. (Gowerton is near Swansea.)

The 21-year-old Jones was a firm favorite, and, although Neal did his best, it wasn't good enough to halt the Welshman's progress.

The challenger seemed to create a bit of a problem for Jones in the first two rounds, when he forsook his usual aggressive style and, instead, elected to jab and move.

On one occasion in the first round, Neal took a left hook that sent him back into the ropes. He didn't seem bothered, however, and came back with good body shots.

In round two, Jones increased the tempo, throwing plenty of right hands. Some missed, but other ones got through, and Colin also scored with jabs.

Neal started going forward, but was invariably forced back by the champion's harder punching. Peter was marked under the left eye in round four. The mark worsened as the fight progressed, and Jones' accurate jabs opened a cut.

The challenger threw everything into his attack at the beginning of round five, knowing that his injury was only getting worse. He jabbed and hooked, and even succeeded in driving his man back. But it was only a temporary advantage, and Jones was soon on top again.

Fortune was even more unkind to Neal, as another cut appeared. This one was on the left eyebrow, and referee Mike Jacobs stopped the action to inspect the injury. He allowed the contest to continue.

They had been boxing for only one minute more when the ref decided that Neal's losing battle, was, indeed, a lost cause. That's when he called a halt.

There were no protests. Neal had fought the only fight he knew, but Jones is a good champion, and now has two immediate ambitions. The first is to win a Lord Lonsdale Belt outright quicker than it's ever been done. The record is currently held by present featherweight champion Pat Cowdell, who accomplished the feat in six months.

Jones also has his sights set on Europe. He will obviously be a busy boxer in the next 12 months.

Colin's defense against Peter Neal was a voluntary one, and, with Dave Green probably going into the light middleweight division, it will be interesting to see who his next challenger will be.

Doug James, 165, outpointed Central Area champion Dave Owens, Castleford, eight. Score: 79½-77. Owens was down four times.

Ken Jones, 175, Gorseinon, Colin's older brother, won the Welsh light heavyweight title by outpointing Chris Lawson, 173, Cardigan, 10, by 98½-97½. This avenged a previous defeat.

Vernon Penprase, 129, Devonport, outscored George Sutton, also 129, Cardiff, eight. Score: 79½-77. It was a good contest, and Sutton's first fight in his native Wales in two years.

Richard Avery, 149, Newport, looked good in outpointing Dennis Sullivan, 147, Plymouth, eight. Score: 79½-78. Avery won by dint of his superior boxing in a bout the fans really enjoyed.

Jeff Aspell, 147, Swansea, outscored Ian Murray, 148, Birmingham, eight. Score: 79-77½. Murray looked good in the early rounds, but Aspell proved the stronger.

ENGLAND

▲ **DONCASTER — Rotters Night Club** — Gary Pearce, 142, Swansea, halted Terry Welch, 144½, Liverpool. The bout was stopped in round four after Welch had been down twice.

Lee Mulhearn, 162, Doncaster, outscored Mike Copp, 163, Swansea, eight. Score: 79½-78½.

Substitute Johnny Francis, 147½, Manchester, knocked out experienced Tommy Joyce, 146½, Mexborough, in round five. This created quite a stir.

Gerry White, 145, Liverpool, outpointed Robert Armstrong, 147, Doncaster, six, 59-57½. Armstrong was decked twice, and cut near the left eye.

Ian Scotting, 186, Doncaster, made a promising debut by halting John Vaughan, 180, Liverpool. The referee stopped the bout in round four after Vaughan had been down.

Peter Gabbitus, 119, Doncaster, outpointed Brindley Jones, 124½, Penryheol, four, 40-39.

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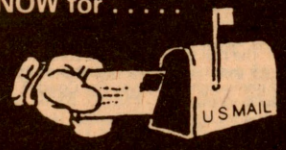

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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

▲ **EAST LONDON** — Mzwandile Biyane TKO'd Norman "Pangaman" Sekgapane in the eighth round to win the South African junior welterweight title.

The aging Sekgapane was outfought and outboxed by the challenger. He rallied at one point, but faded, and his corner threw the towel in to end the fight.

TRANSVAAL

▲ **JOHANNESBURG — Ellis Park Tennis Stadium** — The fans went home early, as Bruce McIntyre kayoed American Dave Love in 1:16 of the first round and Charlie Weir did likewise to Johnny Heard, U.S.A., in 1:37.

McIntyre came out of his corner throwing punches with both hands, and Love was driven into a neutral corner. A left hook lifted David's head and another right landed on his temple. Love sagged over the lower rope, pitched forward on his face, and was counted out by referee Stan Christodoulou.

Johnny Heard danced around and poked out a feeble left at Charlie Weir. Charlie then unleashed a right cross to the jaw and Johnny was kayoed.

Jimmy Abbott and Robbie Williams drew, six. Abbott weighed over 275 pounds, outweighing Williams by about 100. Robbie went head hunting in the first four rounds. He had to; Abbott's trunks were drawn up nearly chest high.

Abbott, though, absorbed the blows without flinching and came on strong in the last two frames to earn the draw. The 5,000 strong crowd was behind Williams, who had been kayoed in two previous bouts with Abbott.

Bennie Nortman outscored Hardy Mileham, four, welterweights. Aladdin Stevens outpointed John Weyers, six, lightweights. Bennie Knoetze outscored Caiphus Masondo, four, heavyweights.

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CALLAGHAN-OKAMOTO
Japanese Middleweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN — James Callaghan, 159¼, successfully defended his Japanese middleweight title for the first time by knocking out Tsumoru Okamoto, 160, in 1:08 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10-rounder in Korakuen Hall.

Callaghan, who had been criticized for his poor showing against Thailand's Jong Sathiragym in his last bout, took the lead in this contest. The champ was in complete command during the first four sessions, while his six foot tall opponent weathered the storm and tried to fight back. The fifth and sixth rounds were fought on almost even terms, with the champ warned against his reckless use of the head by referee Takeo Ugo.

The seventh round saw Jimmy's wicked left hook find Tsumoru's jaw. The challenger went down on the seat of his trunks, but rose and lasted out the round. The kayo came in the next round, when Callaghan stalked his man from pillar to post and battered him with combinations. Okamoto went down once, got up, was floored again, and counted out.

The 24-year-old Callaghan is now 6-0 with four knockouts. Okamoto, 26, is 3-4 with one kayo.

This reporter was not satisfied with Callaghan's performance. He was wild, reckless, and showed none of the great form and science he had shown in previous contests. As an amateur in Liverpool, he was superb.

The 10-round co-feature saw Japanese bantamweight champion Hurricane Teru, 117½, retain his crown by knocking out veteran Yuji Oka (previously known as Jiro Takada), 118, in 1:34 of the fourth. Oka tried to catch the champ by boring in with combos, but Teru caught him with a left smash to the button and a right.

Teru, 28, who turned in one of his best showings, upped his record to 31-9-3 with 13 kayoes. Oka, 27, dropped to 32-15-4 with 15 knockouts.

Masao Miyauchi, 107¾, outscored Naojiro Toda, 108, six.

Masayuki Tomisawa, 118, halted Toru Horikoshi, 116, at 1:43 of the first round.

Yuichi Uchida, 111¾, stopped Tadanori Ozaki, 112, at 0:27 of the third round in the four-round opener.

Co-promoted by Ishikawa and Kyoei-Kawai Promotions.

Attendance—1,700.

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — Short but sturdy Royal Kobayashi, 126, retained his OPBF featherweight title with a narrow split decision over Tae-Hwan Lee, also 126, Korea, 12.

The 21-year-old Lee was game. He got off the canvas in the second and third rounds, and almost turned the tables, dropping Kobayashi with a short right in the seventh.

Kobayashi's early lead enabled him to win the verdict. Korean referee Kwang-Soo Kim scored it 116-114, Lee; but Japanese judges Yusaku Yoshida and Hiroyuki Tezaki had it 116-114 and 116-113, respectively, for Kobayashi.

Kobayashi is now 33-6 with 26 kayoes. Lee is 9-5-2—with 0 knockouts.

Yoshimitsu Azato, 126, kayoed Johnny Fujimoto, 125½, in 2:54 of the second round in the scheduled eight-round semifinal.

Hiroshi Kato, 117½, won unanimous decision over Shintaro Hirose, 115½, six.

Four-rounders: Seitaro Chinen, 133, and Yutaka Itoi, 134¾, drew. Fujio Nakayama, 128½, stopped Hideo Bando, 129¾, in 0:45 of the first round. Masaru Kuwabara, 129¾, kayoed Susumu Hinoki, 129, in 0:34 of the fourth. Masaharu Owada, 128¾, outpointed Itsuki Matsuda, 130, in the curtain raiser.

JRJ Kokusai Promotions.

Attendance—2,000.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — Unbeaten Shuichi Hozumi, 107¾, won the Japanese national junior flyweight title with a majority decision over defending champion Tadashi Tomori, 107½, in 10 fast rounds.

The 5'6" Hozumi used his reach advantage to pile up the points. Referee Ken Morita and judge Shoichi Kanaya gave their ballots to him, 98-97 and 99-96, respectively. Judge Takeo Ugo saw it as a draw, 98-98. There were no knockdowns.

Hozumi is now 13-0 with three kayoes. Tomori is 15-3 with four knockouts.

Eight-rounders: Tall southpaw Koji Kobayashi, 112, flattened Kazuyoshi Funaki, 111¾, in 2:49 of the first round. Tsuyoshi Hamada, 131½, another southpaw, kayoed Motohiko Okuyma, 131½, in 2:17 of the first. Kirk Fujimoto, 139½, halted Yoshitetsu Une, 139¾, at 1:58 of the fourth frame. Fujimoto, who won the All-Japan Shinji-o tournament this year, is now 10-1-2 with six kayoes. Une is 6-6-1 with four knockouts.

Katsumi Sato, 105½, won unanimous decision over Shin Kashiwaba, 107, six.

Four-rounders: Yutaka Kondo, 134½, outpointed Tomoyuki Tomonaga, 134. Hiroshi Osumi, 134¾, halted Katsumi Motoki, 134¼, at 1:57 of the third round. Yasuo Hasegawa, 133¾, kayoed Hisashi Suzuki, 135, in 2:16 of the first. Takahiro Masaki, 107, outscored Makoto Hoshino, 108, in the opener.

Uchino Promotions.

Attendance—1,800.

▲ **UTSUNOMIYA — Tochigi Prefectural Gymnasium** — Japanese featherweight champion Spider Nemoto, 126, retained his crown by knocking out Kiyoshi Nagashima, also 126, in 2:48 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Nagashima started well, but ran out of gas after the first few rounds. Nemoto caught him with hard body blows in round seven to put him on the canvas twice and knock him out.

Nemoto is now 36-8-2 with 10 kayoes. It was his eighth defense. Nagashima is 8-4-6. He managed to land some nice uppercuts before the champ swarmed over him.

Kazumasa Tamaki, 111¾, retained his Japanese national flyweight title with a unanimous decision (99-97, 99-96, 99-98)) over Shinji Suga, 111¼, Nagoya, in a companion 10-round bout. Tamaki, a clever southpaw, seemed to be content to show his footwork. He never followed up on his attacks or pressured. It was his second title defense.

Another 10-round bout saw Minoru Ono, 162, knock out Masami Yoshinaga, 161¼, in 0:32 of the second heat. Yoshinaga has a glass jaw, and the contest was a mismatch.

Four-rounders: Masotoshi Omori, 157¾, won unanimous decision over Shinji Tojo, 156¼. Yuji Tanaka, 122, and Yasuo Kawauchi, 119, drew. Kasuo Katsuma, 116½, halted Yasuhiko Onishi, 117, at 2:40 of the third. (Katsuma, now 2-0 with two kayoes, looks promising.) Takashi Nakayama, 111¾, and Toshio Otsuka, 111¾, drew. Suehiro Miya, 107½, won unanimous decision over Kokichi Yamamoto, 107½. Masaharu Hamaya, 105½, won majority decision over Makoto Fujishima, 108. Naka Nakazawa, 130, halted Yoji Koyata, 129¼, at 1:41 of the first.

Yonekura Promotions.

Attendance — 4,500.

▲ **YAMATO CITY — Vehicle Industry Gymnasium** — Japanese junior middleweight champion Michihiro Horihata, 153, retained his title by knocking out Tarzan Tobaru, also 153, in 1:06 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10- rounder.

A left hand to the button floored Tobaru in the fourth round, and an uppercut put him down again in the sixth. He went down twice more in the eighth round, the last time for the count.

Horihata, a southpaw, is now 17-13-2 with 14 knockouts. This was his third title defense. Tadashi Mihara beat him in a bout for the OPEF junior middleweight title in May. Horihata tends to tire in the later rounds.

Katsuo Togashiki, 107, outscored Manabu Irei, also 107, eight.

Four-rounders: Mutsuo Watanabe, 106¼, outpointed Hidemitsu Tokuyama, 108. Shotetsu Kyo, 132¾, halted Junya Tamura, 134, at 1:08 of the first. Wasaku Tsubouchi, 117½, stopped Hiroshi Yamamoto, 118, in 0:44 of the first session. Naka Nakazawa, 128, outpointed Shoichi Ishida, 130. Masayasu Tokuyama, 120¼, knocked out Kazuo Osawa, 121½, in 0:36 of the first round. Isao Kimura, 103½, and Chokichi Tomei, 103¾, drew. Moriyuki Yamauchi, 107¼, outscored Masayoshi Takahashi, 106¼, 106¼, in the curtain raiser.

Kyoei Promotions.

Attendance — 2,000.

▲ **TOKYO — Edo River Station —** The card was presented in the outdoor area in front of the stadium, and it rained. Fighters, referees, reporters, and spectators were soaked to the skin.

The scheduled 10-round main even between Koichi Maki and Takenao Nakajima was declared "no contest" after the first round. The ring had become slippery, and they could not continue.

Four-rounders: Koji Hunisato, 139½, outpointed Shoji Nagata, 140. Koji Tani, 134, outscored Yoshio Anakura, 131½. Manabu Yasuda, 134½, kayoed Hayao Nakahara, 135, in 2:49 of the first round. Kazumasa Yonemoto, 107¼, stoped Nobuo Kosaka, 106¼, at 2:10 of the third round. Noritetsu Kato, 107½, outpointed Takaaki Miyata, also 107½, in the opener.

Kawakami Promotions.

Attendance: 1,000.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Twelve Shinjin-o (Novice King) four-round tournament bouts were staged without a main event.

Southpaw Kozaburo Ichihara, 125, demolished Yoshinori Uniwa, 126, in 1:47 of the third round. Masayoshi Kashiwakura, 120, outpointed Takeshi Mitsuru, 122, Keiji Kawamura, 120½, outscored Chuji Sueyoshi, 122.

There were six bantamweight contests. Isao Takashima, 118, outpointed Tatsuo Zayasu, also 118. Taneo Kodama, 118, stopped Sumihiro Tarutani, 116¼, at 1:52 of the first round. Goji Zenkoji, 117½, outpointed Hajime Ota, 117¾. Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 118, outscored Hidenori Okubo, 117½. Takashi Komatsu, 117¼, outpointed Hiroshi Iijima, 118. Kazuo Osamu, 116¾, outscored Kikuo Nodate, 118.

Three flyweight bouts: Osamu Arima, 111¾, stopped Masatoshi Sato, 111½, at 0:57 of the first round. Junichi Ota, 112, outpointed Noboru Jin, 112. Tsuguo Imai, 112, outscored Mituso Tokumaru, also 112.

Promoted by the All-Japan Boxing Association (consisting of all Club Honors and managers).

Attendance—1,000.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Hikaru Tomonari, 130, the WBA's third ranked featherweight, won a close majority decision over Katsuji Sano, 129, in a lacklustre 10-round bout.

Referee Takeo Ugo scored it 99-98, Tomonari; judge Sasaki had it 100-99, Tomonari; and judge Field saw it a draw, 99-99.

Tomonari's non-title win over OPBF featherweight king Royal Kobayashi put him into the WBA's top 10 last year. But every Japanese fight fan knows the 5'8" Tomonari cannot make the featherweight limit.

Hikaru, 24, was completely befuddled by the tricky mobility of the shorter Katsuji, who is three years his junior. Solid blows were rarely thrown, despite the exhortations of the referee, spectators, and cornermen. Tomonari tossed a few more straight punches in the third and eighth rounds, and that was probably why he won the bout. Hikaru seldom jabbed. Was his left hand injured?

Tomonari is now 15-4-1 with eight kayoes. Sano is 16-7-4 with three bouts won inside the distance.

Southpaw Gen Tosa, 129½, a former kick boxer, won unanimous decision over Gen Akutsu, also 129½, in the companiion 110-rounder. Scoring: referee Paul Field, 98-94; judge Shoichi Uchida, 98-92; judge Kodai Kumazuki, 97-95.

Kazuaki Yukawa, 129½, won unanimous decision over Kunio Taga, 129¾, six. The official scores were 59-56, 59-57, and 59-58. Yukawa is 37 years old, and just recently started his career. He's now 4-1-2. Taga, 20, is now 3-2-1 with two kayoes.

Hiroyuki Iino, 117½, won a split decision over Masayuki Tsuyusaki, 118, six.

Four-rounders: Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 117, knocked out Hiroshi Ito, 117, in 0:29 of the second. Noritetsu Kato, 107½, won unanimous decision over southpaw Naoto Mizori, 106¾. Kazuo Nakata, 123¼, outscored Otoya Sekiguchi, also 123¼. Takuto Hirota, 111¼, outpointed Kazutaka Oka, also 111¼.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions.

Attendance—1,800.

▲ **NAGOYA — Fukiage Hall —** Brutal punching Tarzan Tobaru, 152¼, demolished Mamoru Taira, 152, in 1:26 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round affair.

Taira's opening attack drove Tobaru to the ropes in the first session, but Tarzan dropped Mamoru with a right to the temple and a shot to the midsection in the second. A barrage of punches to Taira's face dropped him for the 10-count in the fatal third.

Tobaru is now 15-6 with 12 kayoes. He's now due to face Michihiro Horihata for the Japanese junior middleweight title.

Hirokazu Fukui, 129, outscored his namesake, Takeshi Fukui, 130, in the semi-final 10.

Masaru Yamamoto, 120½, halted Shogo Tabata, 122, in 2:49 of the third round. Yamamoto is a stablemate of world flyweight champ Shoji Oguma.

Four-rounders: Kiyoshi Monaka, 122¼, outscored Fumio Nada, 125. Akimitsu Kuribayashi, 116, outpointed Masayuki Katayama, 116½. Noboru Kawaguchi, 145½, outscored Mutsuo Narita, 143¼, in the curtain raiser.

Tokoname Promotions.

Attendance—1,200.

▲ **OSAKA — Sakuranomiya Skating Rink —** Thirteen four-round Japanese Western Zone Novice King tournament bouts were held without a main event.

Toru Nakanishi, 159¼, outpointed Yoshifumi Shirase, 157. Hisatomo Kitasaki, 146¼, won a split decision over Nobuyuki Yanagi, 142¾. Keiichi Nakatani, 146¾, and Masahiro Hirayama, 145¼, drew. (The scores were 39-39 (twice) and 40-39 for Nakatani. Keiichi will go on to the next bout in the tournament because he had the edge in total points.) Kiroshi Shimizu, 132¾, kayoed Kozo Yokota, 135, in 2:37 of the fourth round. So Maehara, 129¾, polished off Shigemi Yamahari,128¼, at 2:41 of the opening session. Osamu Kasaya, 125¼, TKO'd Kenji Miyagi, 124. Tadashi Kono, 125¾, won by default when his opponent, Hiroshi Sakamoto, 126, failed to appear. Ryoji Fukumoto, 122, halted Akihito Abiru, also 122, at 0:32 of the second. Chishu Kanayama, 121¼, won unanimous decision over Toshiyuki Okuda, 121¾. Kazushi Hara, 106½, won a close but unanimous decision over Tetsu Urakawa, 117¾. Keiji Yamaguchi, 106½, kayoed Norihiko Nishida, also 106½, in 0:53 of the first. Unbeaten Mitsuru, 106¾, outscored Shigemoto Soda, 107½.

Promoted by the West Japan Boxing Association.

Attendance—500.

INDONESIA

▲ **SURABAJA —** Thomas Americo won the OPBF junior welterweight title by kayoing Sang-Mo Koo, Korea, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12-round bout. Americo, who was comparatively unknown despite his high OPBF rating, is only the second Indonesian to win an Oriental title. Wongo Suseno, who won the junior welter crown by outpointing Korea's Chang-Kil Lee in July, 1975, was the first.

KOREA

▲ **PUSAN —** Soon-Hyung Chung, 121¼, retained his OPBF junior featherweight title by stopping Filipino champion Ric Diamale, also 121¼, in the first round of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Il-Bok Lee, 130, stopped Nick Caputol, 128, Philippines, in the third round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Hanjin Promotions.

▲ **SEOUL — Munhwa Gymnasium —** Former world flyweight champion Chan-Hee Park, 114½, won a technical decision over Piraldo Labradol, 114, in the sixth round of their schedulted 10-rounder. Park was leading on points when he suffered a gash on the forehead from a butt. The ref then stepped in and stopped the contest, giving Park the win on points.

Heung-Sok Yuh, 136¼, halted Freddie Mason, 136¾, Ghana, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Saeki Promotions.

▲ **SEOUL —** SEMI-FINAL TO PEDROZA-KIM: Nak-Yung Choi, 136, stopped Tatsuya Moriyasu, 136¼, Japan, in the ninth round.

▲ **PUSAN —** Hwan-Jin Kim, 112½, the WBA's top ranked junior flyweight, won unanimous decision over Mannaseh Base, 110, Philippines, 10.

Seoung-Hun Lee, 116¾, the WBC's seventh ranked super flyweight, won unanimous decision over Fred Ebon, 116¾, Philippines 10.

Hanjin Promotions.

▲ **SEOUL —** Kwang-Min Kim, 137¾, halted Rod Sequenan, 136¾, in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Woo-Kwon Lee, 126, won the vacant Korean national featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Yung-Pil Lee, 125¼, 10.

Keukdong Promotions.

▲ **WONJU —** In the semi-final to the Hwang-Arai OPBF welterweight title bout, Korean national junior middleweight champion Sang-Ho Lee, 153, retained his title by kayoing Tae-Whan Oh, 154, in the second round.

Hanheung Promotions.

▲ **SEOUL —** National Korean bantamweight champion Myung-An Moon, 118, retained his title with a unanimous decision over Chong-Soo Lee, also 118, 10.

Yung-Sae Oh, 133½, won unanimous decision over southpaw Freddie Mason, 134, Ghana, 10. Oh was befuddled by Mason's sly tactics in the early rounds, but came on strong to floor him twice and win the contest.

In-Hwan Hwang, 110, and Soon-Yun Mah, also 110, drew, 10.

▲ **DAEJUN CITY —** Chong-Chul Park, 113, won unanimous decision over Tae-Kwon Choi, 112½, 10.

Dongkyun Promotions.

▲ **SEOUL —** Korean national middleweight champion Byung-Rae-Yuh, 159¾, retained his title with a brilliant knockout over Dae-Shik Kim, 158¼, in a scheduled 10-round bout.

Sang-Bong Lee, 123, won unanimous decision over Sok-Jung Yun, 123½, 10.

Dongah Promotions.

▲ **PUSAN —** Il-Bok Lee won a unanimous decision over OPBF junior lightweight champion Ryu Fuida, Japan, 10, non-title. Lee dropped Fukida with a well-timed right in the fifth round. Lee, however, faded in the later rounds, and Fukida went all out for a kayo in the eighth and ninth. Lee's early lead gave him the victory. He made good use of his advantage in height.

PHILIPPINES

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** Edward Heneral, 137¼, was named "Boxer of the Month" by the Filipino Games and Amusements Board after he won the national junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Al Cordero, 138¼, 12.

Former OPBF welterweight champion Dan de Guzman, 149½, a southpaw, kayoed Ramon Diosisio, 147½, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Danilo Limpahan, 145, won unanimous decision over Jimmy Gonzalez, 145½, 10.

Paciencia Hitosis, promoter.

▲ **QUEZON CITY — Araneta Coliseum —** Former OPBF junior lightweight king Rey Tam, 132, a southpaw, won unanimous decision over Rafael Rojas, 129½, 10.

▲ **CEBU CITY —** Filipino lightweight titlist Tony Flores, 137, won unanimous decision over Mar Simbajon, 136, 10, non-title.

Danilo Inocian, 118, TKO'd Glen Orlanes, also 118, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Bejamin Sun, promoter.

▲ **ANGELS CITY —** Filipino welterweight champion Mike de Guzman, 147, was held to a draw by Rocky Anobling, the GAB's fourth ranked contender, 10. This was a non-title bout.

Romy Cunanan, 133, won unanimous decision over Nardito Adrayan, also 133, 10.

Boy Reyes, 128½, outscored Fel Viesca, Jr., 128, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

▲ **DAVAO CITY —** Newly crowned Filipino junior lightweight champion Nene Jun, 139½, TKO'd Ray Bansan, 142, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Joe Villisco, 156, won unanimous decision over Boy Bernadas, 153, 10.

Jerry Escolando, 124, won unanimous decision over Rene Maglinte, 123, 10.

Caesar Ligan, 127, halted Joe Moreno, 129, in the 10th and final round.

Augustin Garcia, promoter.

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** Berlin Olivetti, 113½, won by disqualification over Monsayarm H. Mahachai, 114½, Thailand.

Francis Camatagan, 128½, won unanimous decision over Romeo Olivetti, 130½, 10.

Oscar Reyes, promoter.

▲ **NUEVA EIJA —** Gener Cruz, 127, TKO'd Fel Salvador, 126½, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round contest.

Samuel Garcia, promoter.

▲ **QUEZON CITY — Araneta Coliseum —** Rod Sequenan, 133, won an upset decision over Nilo Acid, also 133, the GAB's seventh ranked junior lightweight, 10.

▲ **DAVAO DEL NORTE —** Jun Resma, 113, TKO'd Par Brancero, also 113, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Resma is the GAB's fourth ranked junior flyweight.

Preciosa de Viterbo, promoter.

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY —** Al Rodrigo, 135, was held to a majority draw by Jun Escalera, 134, 10.

Henry Pepito, 118, won a split decision over Sammy Insular, 117, 10.

Ric Dolotallas, 135, eked out a majority decision over Gar Atayde, 138, 10.

Carmelino Buenflor, promoter.

▲ **CAMARINES NORTE —** Caesar (Kid) Navarosa, 118, TKO'd Diony Diaz, 117, in the seventh round.

Manuel Savacion, promoter.

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY —** Bill Abrogar, 121 won unanimous decision over Rudy Patalinhug, 119, 10.

Jun Garcias, 112, won unanimous decision over Sal Santiago, also 112, 10.

Florentino Uba, promoter.

▲ **SOUTH COTABATO —** Jun Resma, 109, TKO'd Danny Grey, 108, in the fifth round.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

▲ **BATAAN —** Hard hitting rookie Jimmy Geetz, 128, stunned the crowd by stopping Orlando Cruz, 132, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Cruz was the GAB's sixth ranked junior lightweight.

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** William Develos, 117½, the GAB's second ranked junior bantam, won unanimous decision over Takenao Nakajima, 118, Japan, 10.

Erning Grafe, 130, halted Hiro bumi Mochizuki, 131, Japan, in the ninth round.

Tony Pastrana, 139½, won unanimous decision over Alex Infante, 137¾, eight.

Galorde Enterprises.

▲ **MINDORO —** Joe Francisco, 124, TKO'd Pedro Lipata, 126, in the eighth round.

Ramon Lainez, promoter.

THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Hard punching Satanfa S. Pratip won the vacant Thai national welterweight title with a unanimous decision over southpaw Tongta Kiatvayupak, 10.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Sakda Sithjongrug, 118, the Thailand Boxing Commission's sixth ranked bantam weight, easily polished off Kongchia Sithgungpai, 119, in the third.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Thai flyweight champion Dan Pisalchai, 115, won unanimous decision over Tani Singchuevung, the TBC's top ranked junior bantamweight, in a six-round non-title bout.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Unknown Jimmy Sithfaidang, 113, won an upset unanimous decision over Suban Muangsurin, 116, the TBC's fourth ranked flyweight, six. Suban was on canvas in the second.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Achen Sukothai, 118, flattened Thongsuk Decharvatan, also 118, in the second round.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Ratanachai Punvit, 117, knocked out Ronnachai Singhtrokpai, also 112, with a left uppercut to the body.

▲ **BANGKOK —** Rajadamnern Stadium — Santichai Looklumplee, 114. won an upset verdict over Nachuy Charlermchaigym, also 114, six. It was Santichai's first pro contest. He belongs to Sukothai Gymnasium.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Kajornkiat O.F.N., 118, a hard punching novice, won an upset decision over the experienced Thingmaung Sithmaungthong, also 118, six.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Thai national junior flyweight champion Chukthep Chuvatana retained his title by winning a unanimous decision over Kwanchai S. Pengpis, 10. Pengpis kept on circling, and seemed to outpunch Chuvatana. The official scoresheets were 49-46 and 48-47 (twice).

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Former world flyweight champion was stripped of his Thai national bantamweight title when he couldn't make the weight for his scheduled 10-round title bout with Suriya Pratumvadee, the TBC's second ranked contender. Venice entered the ring at 121, and Suriya would have been declared the new champ if he'd beaten him. Borkorsor, however, TKO'd Pratumvadee in the sixth. The title is now vacant.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Pongphan Sorphayathai, the TBC's 10th ranked junior featherweight, kayoed veteran Srinill Sithchula, 127, in the fourth round.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Rising puncher Srithuncha Sithanae, 112, the TBC's third ranked junior fly-

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1. Masashi Kudo
2. Caesar Sasaki
3. Masahide Kitamura
4. Tsumoru Okamoto
5. Katsuo Esahi
6. Yukimi Murakami
7. Nessie Horiguchi

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion:
Michihiro Horihata
1. Kenji Shibata
2. Naoshito Suzuki
3. Tsutomu Hagusa
4. Minoru Ono
5. Tarzan Tobaru
6. Shigeo Takagi
7. Warrior Hanada
8. Mamoru Hanada

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Akio Kameda
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Yohi Arai
3. Mitsuo Kushikino
4. Katsuhiro Sawada
5. Jyoken Narita
6. Kazumi Nakao
7. Kazunori Shiratori
8. Akira Isobe

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Minoru Sugiya
1. Noboru Hatakeyama
2. Eiichi Fukumoto
3. Kirk Fujimoto
4. Masahiro Yokai
5. Fire Kaneda
6. Hayao Shiba

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion:
Battle Hawk Kazama
1. Tsuneshiro Fuchiwaki
2. Katsuhiro Okubo
3. Tadao Ishido
4. Mitsuo Ohashi
5. Gen Akutsu
6. Hirofumi Mochizuki
7. Tadashi Suginaga
8. Takeshi Mine
9. Tatsuya Moriyasu
10. Kaneto Yamamoto

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion:
Yasutsune Uehara
1. Masa Ito
2. Gen Tosa
3. Yoshitaka Ikehara
4. Blazer Okubo
5. Keizo Kurebayashi
6. Shigeyuki Otake
7. Ken Sogo
8. Yasuhide Takahashi
9. Norio Maruuchi
10. Hideyoshi Horinaga

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Spider Nemoto
1. Tenyu Maruki
2. Koichi Matsushima
3. Syuzo Yoshida
4. Yoshimitsu Azato
5. Namio Akamine
6. Jonny Fujimoto
7. Katsuji Sano
8. Kiyoshi Nagashima
9. Isao Okahashi
10. Hiroshi Gonohe

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Bunji Ando
1. Yu Kasahara
2. Kenichi Ito
3. Hiroyuki Iwamoto
4. Kanekatsu Daito
5. Sanji Ito
6. Naoki Kobayashi
7. Jyo Araki
8. Hirokazu Fukui
9. Kosei Kawaguchi
10. Noboru Ishimine

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion:
Hurricane Teru
1. Yuji Oka
2. Hitoshi Ishigaki
3. Ryu Takeshi
4. Kosei Anan
5. Hiroyuki Tanaka
6. Tsuguyuki Toma
7. Kenzo Takasugi
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Vacant
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2. Jackal Maruyama
3. Takehisa Nakajima
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9. Tsutomu Itokazu
10. Hirohisa Iino

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazumasa Tamaki
1. Koichi Maki
2. Tsutomu Igarashi
3. Koki Ishii
4. Jiro Watanabe
5. Nobuyuki Watanabe
6. Shinji Suga
7. Ken Kasugai
8. Koji Kobayashi
9. Goichi Oshi
10. Toshihiro Okumoto

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Syuichi Hozumi
1. Masaharu Inami
2. Guraman Ueda
3. Puma Koya
4. Phoenix Taniguchi
5. Kazunori Tenryu
6. Katsuo Tokashiki
7. Keisuke Yuguchi
8. Hiroyuki Tada
9. Kazuyoshi Funaki
10. Masao Miyauchi

Japanese boxers holding world titles: Yasutsune Uehara (junior lightweight), Shoji Oguma (flyweight), Yoko Gushiken (junior flyweight).

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Tadashi Mihara (junior middleweight), Ryu Fukida (junior lightweight), Royal Kobayashi (featherweight), Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Hikaru Tomonari (#3 WBA featherweight), Yukio Segawa (#8 WBA junior featherweight; #3 WBC), Syuichi Isogami (#5 WBA bantamweight), Takashi Uezu (#6 WBC bantamweight), Tadashi Tomori (#9 WBA junior flyweight; #9 WBC), Shigeo Nakajima (#2 WBA junior flyweight; #1 WBC).

weight, knocked out Therdsak Porthavee, 115, in the fourth heat.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Slick Sunthi Donjadee, 128, the TBC's fifth ranked featherweight, stopped Kempetch Phatanasingh, 127, in the fifth. It was an easy victory for Donjadee.

With great thanks to the Korean Boxing Commission, the Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines, the Thai Boxing Commission, and the Japanese Boxing Commission.

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **WOLLONGONG — Leagues Club —** Alex Temelkov, 154, won the vacant Australian junior middleweight title, halting Ross Eadie, 150, in the seventh round of a scheduled 15-rounder amid wild scenes of enthusiasm from his Yugoslav supporters.

The atmosphere was electric from the moment the doors of the Leagues Club opened. Yugoslavs poured in. Chartered buses came form Penrith, a suburb of Sydney, filled with Eadie supporters. Scalpers were selling tickets at five times their printed value. Fans stood anywhere there was a space to plant a foot.

The only vacant spots were in the neutral corners of the ring.

Temelkov walked through the doorway and his fans rose, physically and vocally. "Alex, Alex, Alex," they chanted.

Eadie followed, and the Yugoslavs hooted because Ross had told them he would knock their idol out. The Penrith brigade tried to drown the hoots with cheers, but they were heavily outnumbered.

This reporter acted as referee. It's doubtful that the boxers heard my instructions in midring, but they knew what was said. They'd heard it all before, particullarly Eadie, a veteran of 71 contests before this one (32 of which your correspondent refereed). Temelkov had had only 14 previous professional bouts, after an amateur career (all in Australia), but he, too, knew the speil.

The countdown had begun. Moments later, the timekeeper pressed the button that sent the bomb on its way.

It was action from the start, and something, someone, had to give. Eadie, whose strength, fitness, and persistence had taken him to victory in many memorable bouts, was just outpunched, and, by the time he realized that he had to box his strong, young opponent at long range, it was too late. He no longer had the resistance to keep Temelkov at bay.

Sickened by two rights in the fifth session, Eadie was tired in the sixth round, with only his great spirit undaunted. He took a count near the end of the sixth, and was down again at 0:40 of the seventh. This time, he took a nine count. Temelkov then attacked again, and Eadie reeled back to the ropes. Temelkov, however, was still on him, his gloves spitting fire.

A right to the jaw put Eadie on Queer Street, his eyes glazed and his hands falling. As referee, I darted in and caught Temelkov's next punch in my hand. I then crowned him the winner, and Yugoslavia reigned supreme.

Fans showered the ring with the biggest deluge of notes and coins I've ever seen—reported as $468.

Eight-rounders: Jamie Lewis, 146, outpointed George Reno, 143. Torkano Marcos, 156, kayoed Willie Nixon, 158, in the second.

Steve Janakievski, 144, outscored John Laurie, 149, four.

▲ **CRONULLA — Labor & Workingmen's Club —** Brian Roberts, 121, retained his Australian junior featherweight title by winning a unanimous decision over Charlie Brown, 120, 12.

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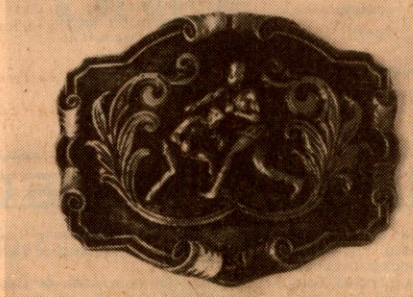

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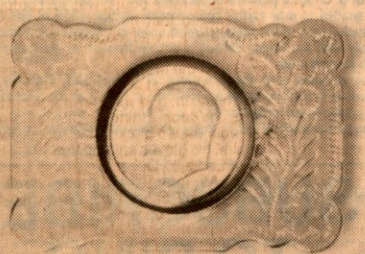

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Chong-Pal Park (K)
1. James Callaghan (J)
2. Byun-Grae Yuh (K)
3. Torkano Marcos (A)
4. Caesar Sasaki (J)
5. Ramon Dionisio (P)
6. Phil Davies (A)
7. Katsuo Eshahi (J)
8. Rocky Joe (I)
9. Peter Piatmonte (P)
10. Masahide Kitamura (J)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Ho Oh (K)
1. Duk-Koo Kim (K)
2. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)
3. Ki-Hoon Kwak (K)
4. Lito Pena (P)
5. Tsuneshiro Fuchiwaki (J)
6. Nak-Young Choi (K)
7. Barry Michael (A)
8. Tony Flores (P)
9. Somdej Sakdiphipus (T)
10. Dony Soriano (P)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (J)
1. Ronaldo Sumalis (P)
2. Myun-Gan Munh (K)
3. Hurricane Teru (J)
4. Venice Borkorsor (P)
5. Bobby Berna (P)
6. Sang-Bong Lee (K)
7. Yuji Oka (J)
8. Paul Ferreri (A)
9. Chong-Soo Lee (K)
10. Billy Abato (P)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (J)
1. Acquilano Nicolas, Jr. (P)
2. Sang-Ho Lee (K)
3. Michihiro Horihata (J)
4. Wally Carr (A)
5. Jae-Hyung Yuh (K)
6. Kenji Shibata (J)
7. Baek-Yong Park (K)
8. Alberto Cruz (P)
9. Tae-Hwan Oh (K)
10. Jung-Shik Kim (K)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Fukida (J)
1. Il-Bok Lee (K)
2. Tae-Jin Munh (K)
3. Nene Jun (P)
4. Masa Ito (J)
5. Johnny Mangi (I)
6. Boy Reyes (P)
7. Sok-Yu Park (K)
8. Gen Tosa (J)
9. Larry Valesini (A)
10. Wan-Chul Kim (K)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung-Shik Kim (K)
1. Saifa Phayathai (T)
2. Hitoshi Ohashi (J)
3. Diego de Villa (P)
4. Chul-Ho Kim (K)
5. Danielo Inocian (P)
6. Sok-Chul Bae (K)
7. Hitoshi Ishigaki (J)
8. William Develos (P)
9. Phakthai Bunset (T)
10. Jiro Takada (J)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chung-Jae Hwang (K)
1. Satanfa S. Pratip (T)
2. Steve Dennis (A)
3. Mike De Guzman (P)
4. Dynamite Matsuo (J)
5. Kwang-Yul Oh (K)
6. Lino Bernadas (P)
7. Dan de Guzman (P)
8. Eddie (Boy) Oposa (P)
9. Thanimthong Singsamang (T)
10. Yohi Arai (J)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Neguprachan Kiatkunyai (T)
2. Son-Woo Chung (K)
3. Lulu Villaverde (P)
4. Tae-Hwan Lee (K)
5. Gunawan Komara (J)
6. Joe Francisco (P)
7. Tenyu Maruki (J)
8. Dedkak Kiathunyong (T)
9. Nuguprachan Kiatkunyai (T)
10. Hwan-Kil Yuh (K)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (K)
1. Kazumasa Tamaki (J)
2. Kap-Chul Shin (K)
3. Frank Cedeno (P)
4. Dan Pisalchai (T)
5. Koichi Maki (J)
6. Kwang-Sop Kim (K)
7. Melchor Degsi (P)
8. Monsayarm H. Mahachai (T)
9. Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
10. Fel Malatag (P)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Americo (I)
1. Petchyam Petcharoy (T)
2. Dong-Bok Lee (K)
3. Edwardo Heneral (P)
4. Minoru Sugiya (J)
5. Heung-Sok Yuh (K)
6. Thom Singthanongsakdi (T)
7. Sperling Pangaribuan (I)
8. Willie Makitoki (P)
9. Al Cordero (P)
10. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Soo-Hyun Chung (K)
1. Chong-Wo Baek (K)
2. Bunji Ando (J)
3. Dejavarin Hollywood (T)
4. Sang-Yun Cha (K)
5. Divino Inocian (P)
6. Ric Diamale (P)
7. Kenji Ito (J)
8. Brian Roberts (A)
9. Morkasakdi Muangsurin (T)
10. Neptali Alamag (P)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Yong-Hyun Kim (K)
1. Siony Carupo (P)
2. Chukthep Chuvatana (T)
3. Junior Thompson (A)
4. Syuichi Hozumi (J)
5. In-Hwan Hwang (K)
6. Ric Barimbad (P)
7. Komleg Sorthanikul (T)
8. Masaharu Inami (J)
9. Chi-Bok Kim (K)
10. Jun Resma (P)

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Referee Trevor Christian and judge Kim McCain each carded 118-116, while judge Ross Menadus had it scored a runaway at 120-107. Your correspondent was at ringside and saw it at 118-111. Brown definitely won rounds two and eights, but Roberts scored a very convincing victory. A large shower poured into the ring after the bout.

Roberts won because of his superior boxing. Brown, attacking like a man possessed, ran into lots of trouble, but proved he's one of the gutsiest fighters in action today.

Six-rounders: Andy Mann, 144, and Tom Roberts, 148, drew. Tony Fotia, 152, outpointed Buddy Nixon, 149.

Frank Carson, 121, outscored Bimbo Morris, 129, four.

▲ SUTHERLAND — United Services Club — Jim Bowen, 126, and Chris Bennett, also 126, drew, 10. This was a good, fast, action packed contest and was "showered."

Jim Crilly, 133, returned to the ring after more than seven years and outscored Wayne Wallace, also 133, six. Wallace was having his first fight in four years. It was a good bout, and was also showered.

Calby Barkell, 147, outpointed Ezzrd Charles, 141, six.

▲ CARDIFF — Workers Club — Peter Berrigan, 135½, halted Speedo Duke, also 135½, in the fifth. The scheduled 10-rounder was billed as a NSW State junior welterweight title defense by Berrigan. This title, however, is disputed.

Dawsey Kelly, 139, and Andy Mann, 142, drew, 10. Referee Kim McCain scored it 97-97; judge Clive Greedy had it 99-96, Kelly; judge Graham Davies carded 100-95, Mann.

Al Hallett, 145, TKO'd Mark Vallance, 142, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-rounder.

Bob Sharkey, 182, outpointed Peter Croft, also 182, four.

▲ KINGSFORD — South Sydney Junior Leagues Club — Gary Rosen, 137, halted Willie Leslie, 131, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-rounder. A cut eye brought about the stoppage.

Six-rounders: Calby Barkell, 142, outpointed Ezzard Charles, also 142. Roy Hughes, 131, outscored David Garland, 132. Benny Tabua, 156, stopped Merv Croaker, 155, five.

▲ BROOKVALE — Manly-Warringah Leagues Club — Gary Tempest, 131, outscored Steve Saxon, 132, in a good headline eight.

Six-rounders: Clint Brown, 145, outscored Paul Baker, 140. Sparrow Freeman, 126, outpointed Joe Carriage, 130. Mark Branxton, 204, stopped Garry Fuller, 210, three.

▲ KINGSFORD — South Sydney Junior Leagues Club — Ken Salisbury, 154, had no trouble with comebacking Tony Martello, 158. Ken stopped Tony in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Six-rounders: Sparrow Freeman, 126, outpointed Joe Carriage, 131. Paul Hanson, 130, and Roy Hughes, also 130, drew.

Four-rounders: Tony Scruse, 133, outpointed David Garland, 130. Kevin Hogan, 146, outscored Bobby Frederick, 147.

▲ MT. PRITCHARD — Community Club — Clint Brown, 150, outpointed Andy Mann, 144, 10. It was a good fight.

Gary Williams, 130, knocked out Gary Tempest, 131, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Sam Parsons, 153, halted Ian Murray, 154, in the third round. Paul Talbot, 131, outscored Bobby Lawrence, 133. Joe Burruni, 168, stopped John McCrae, 163, in the second.

▲ KANWAL — Wyong Rugby League Football Club — Three eight-rounders made up the program, and all ended in kayoes.

Torkanos Marcos, 161, was far too good for George Saxon, also 161, and your correspondent, refereeing, stopped it at the end of the fourth round.

Gary Williams, 126, survived a knockdown and came back to knock out Willie Leslie, 137, with a left to the body in round five.

Dawsie Kelly, 140, and Buddy Nixon, 147, were battling on even terms when a body punch dropped Nixon for the full count in the sixth.

▲ BROOKVALE — Manly-Warringah Leagues Club — Buddy Nixon, 148, outpointed Merv Croaker, 159, in the eight-round main event.

Paul Baker, 139, outpointed Steve Campb ell, 146, six.

Five-rounders: Sparrow Freeman, 122, outscored David Garland, 128. Sam Parsons, 152, outpointed Bobby Frederick, 153.

QUEENSLAND

▲ BRISBANE — Festival Hall — Greg Liesegang, 132, turned in a very good performance, halting Kirk Blair, 130, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Blair could not keep Liesegant away.

VICTORIA

▲ PRESTON — Town Hall — Johnny Sacco, 146, won the vacant Victorian State welterweight title, narrowly outpointing Rocky Vilella, 145, 10. Norm Foster, referee. It was a good fight.

Graham Murray, 168, made a comeback, halting J.J. Mario, 166, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Ken Eldridge, 174, also on the comeback trail, outscored George Saxon, 170, six.

Three-rounders: Barney Walker, 137, outscored Sonny Allen, 134. Kid Preston, 140, outpointed Hamza Okanla, also 140.

▲ KIEWA — Gil McGrath, 146, knocked out Ron Keillor, 144, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Four-rounders: Rocky Ward, 160, and Tony Noone, 152, drew. Mick Dagoli, 128, outpointed Jay Crowe, also 128.

Three-rounders: Marty Bjkerk, 130, halted Col Ford, 126, in two. Johnny Nelson, 160, outscored Lindsay Goode, 156.

▲ MELBOURNE — Town Hall — There was an unsavory ending to the scheduled 10-round main event. Locally based Yugoslav Marc Ecimovic, 210, met an American named Terry Denny, 198, who went down and out in 1:30 of the first round. No one, according to reports, saw the punch that did the job. It *was* reported, however, that the medico stated that Denny's eyes were glazed, so *someone* must have hit him.

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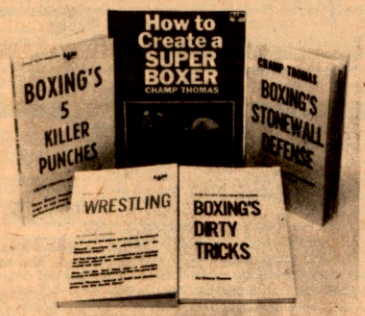

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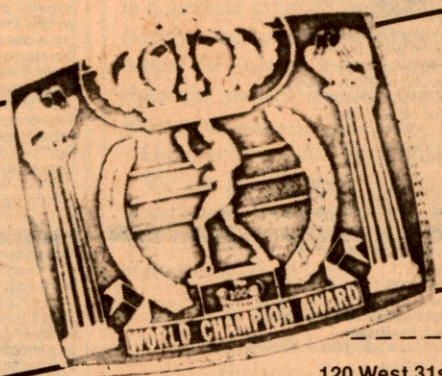

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Michael Dokes kayoed Tom Fischer, 7
Leon Spinks halted Bernardo Mercado, 9
Greg Page knocked out Dave Johnson, 6
Randy Mack stopped Jody Ballard, 10
Pat Duncan beat Ernie "Big E" Smith, 10
Stan McDermott halted Denton Ruddock, 2
Marvis Frazier kayoed Roger Troupe, 3
Tom Fischer iced Baker Tinsley, 1
Tom Fischer kayoed Herb Adams, 1
Vernon Johnston outpointed Verlee Price, 8
Mark Lee knocked out Willie Stoglin, 3
Alonzo Ratliff halted Mike Chrun, 2

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jerry Celestine halted Richie Kates, 8
Mike Quarry beat Alvin Dominey, 10
Murray Sutherland iced Joey Butcher, 1
Murray Sutherland kayoed John Cox, 2
Mike Rossman halted Al Bolden, 10
Marvin Johnson stopped Lee Royster, 4
John Davis outpointed Bernard McLean, 8
Pete McIntyre stopped Eddie Davis, 2
Billy Douglas halted William Kince, 4
Mike Clark kayoed Lee Burkey, 5
Pablo Ramos decisioned Rudy Robles, 10
Nigel Savory stopped Joe Frater, 6
Joe Dean stopped Jerry Golden, 3
Darnell Hayes knocked out Zeke Zelichowski
Chris Schwenke iced Harry Rayton, 1
Carl Ivy iced Winston Chalmers, 1
Ron Huston outscored Cornell Chavis, 6
Roddie MacDonald stopped Maurice Moore, 2
Don Addison kayoed Muhammad Shabazz, 11

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Marvin Hagler halted Alan Minter, 3
(Won World Title)
Fulgencio Obel stopped Fred Johnson, 3
Wilford Scypion kayoed Fermin Guzman,
Ray Seales outpointed Jamie Thomas, 10
Rudy Robles iced Ron Brown, 1
Matteo Salvemini decisioned Kevin Finnegan, 12
(Won European Title)
Bob Coolidge stopped Carl Crowley, 5
Winston Davis stopped Harry Watson, 7
James Shuler stopped Chris Rogers, 2
Lindell Holmes kayoed Benny Mitchell, 3
Mark Holmes outpointed Randy Rivers, 6
Peter Bassey decisioned Leo Mulhern, 8
Oscar Alvarado stopped Jesse Lara, 6
Ed Temple kayoed Earl Caldwell, 3
Brian Graham halted Peter Lock, 3
Ignacio Lopez beat Paul Stephens, 8
Bobby Czyz iced Johnny Davis, 1
Tommy Merola knocked out Pedro Azevedo, 1
Tom Huston stopped Mack Farley, 3
Herman Marquez halted Avilo Davila
Chato Ramos iced Lovell Chalmers, 1
Mickey Goodwin kayoed Lester Davis, 1
Eddie Carter beat Jose Pacheco, 8
Ralph Hollett halted Chris Clarke, 2
Al Styles beat Mario Maldonado, 8

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Ayub Kalule outscored Bushy Bester, 15
(Retained World Title)
Steve Gregory outpointed Steve Moyer, 10
Tony Suero stopped Sean Mannion, 8
Jimmy Batten halted Charlie Malarkey, 4
Ralph Mifka decisioned Mike Grant, 8
Neil Fannon beat Vic Jackson, 10
Pat Thomas outpointed Steve Hopkin, 15
Tony Ayala iced Archie Andrews, 1
Carlos Santos halted Steve Michalerya, 8
Neil Fannan kayoed Adrian Clamp, 3
Graylin Curry knocked out Paul Gonzalez, 1
Jack Torrence stopped Warren Thunder, 3
Bruce Finch beat Rafael Rodriguez, 10
Nino Gonzalez outpointed Earl Liburd, 10

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Turner stopped Alfonso Hayman, 6
Johnny Turner and Pat Hallacy drew, 10
Johnny Francis iced Jeff Aspell, 1
Dave Ward kayoed Gordon Kirk, 4
Joe Hernandez stopped Javier Solis, 6
Sammy Burke knocked out Francisco Monzon, 1
Greg Netter decisioned Sam Gervin, 8
Joe Robles halted Sultan Saladin, 3
Paul Gonzales stopped Marcos Castro, 3
Louie Mateo iced Gary Smith, 1
Rodney Trusek stopped Robert Hensley 2
Danny Paul kayoed Bruce Strauss
Anthony Releford stopped T.C. Williams, 3
Johnny Compo outpointed Bruce Strauss, 8
Ghislain Deroy halted Frank Minigan, 4

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Saoul Mamby outpointed Maurice "Termite" Watkins, 15
(Retained WBC Title)
Alseneo Green stopped Juan Jose Gimenez, 2
Bruce Curry halted Andres Ramirez, 3
Jose Osuna beat Rosendo Ramirez, 10
Ronnie Romero kayoed Junior Foster, 3
Dujuan Johnson halted Greg Netter, 9
Ronnie Shields stopped Frank Lawson, 2
Duncan Hamilton beat Colin Wake, 8
Ezzard Charles Adams knocked out Wilborn Lawson, 4
Mando Ramirez halted Rogelio Castaneda, 5
Michael Lalonde beat Mike Knox, 8
Papo Figueroa kayoed Jamie Rodriguez, 7

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Hilmer Kenty stopped Ernesto Espana, 4
(Retained WBA Title)
Curtis Harris halted Charlie Brown, 4
John Verderosa kayoed Louis Hubela, 7
Gaetan Hart decisioned Pedro Acosta, 10
Ralph Aviles decisioned Alfredo Pitalua, 10
Sean O'Grady halted Jose Gonzalez
Jorge Morales kayoed Jose Cirilas, 2
Frank Newton stopped Billy Moreno, 10
Ruben Munoz halted Freddie Harris, 4
Davey Armstrong iced Miguel Flores, 1
Ken Saale stopped Blaine Dickson, 6
Hector Perez beat Juan Venegas, 10
John Morgan kayoed Jose Cabrera, 9
Ricardo Jimenez stopped Pascual Villareal, 4
Jerome Artis beat Jose Gonzales, 12

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Juan LaPorte beat Mano Morua, 10
Dennis Quimayousie outpointed Ruben Munoz, 8
Gary Vinet beat Jesus Ramirez, 8
Santos Moreno stopped Roberto Garcia, 9
Carlton Sparrow kayoed George Crawford, 2
Daniel Cruz halted Greg Williams, 2
Richard Lord kayoed Joe Brown, 3
Jorge Alvarado beat Gerald Hayes, 10

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Salvador Sanchez outpointed Patrick Ford, 15
(Retained World Title)
Eusebio Pedroza beat Rocky Lockridge, 15
(Retained WBA Title)
Ismael Santana stopped Otto Breeding, 6
Rafael Gonzalez outpointed Sergio Reyes, 10
Jose Figueroa iced Jorge Vasquez, 1
Terry McKeown stopped Austin Owen, 4
Jeff Smith kayoed Roger Henry, 5
Koichi Matsushima beat Hideharu Mitsui, 10
Roque Montoya stopped George Zuniga, 8
Paul Keers knocked out Steve Kleak, 4

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Jaime Garza stopped Calvin Sheppard, 4
Carmelo Negron halted Baby Kid Chocolate, 7
Oscar Muniz kayoed Miguel Flores, 4
Leo Cruz decisioned Niliberto Herrera, 10
Jose Canizales stopped Miguel Angel Mesa, 2
Abdul Bey halted Frankie Granados, 7
Jose Portillo kayoed Robert Flores, 9
Victor Gonzales stopped Eulilio Anguino, 3

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Lupe Pintor stopped Johnny Owen, 12
(Retained WBC Title)
Gigio Estrada halted Alfonso Zamora, 3
Alberto Davila kayoed Terry Pizzarro, 6
Shuchi Isogami knocked out Takeshi Ryu, 5
Jose Canizales halted Oscar Gomez, 6
George Baily stopped Eddie McAllister, 4
Fred Jackson beat Elias DeLeon, 10
Fred Jackson stopped Humberto Rodriguez, 2
Ricardo Varela outpointed Mark Pacheco, 10
Jose Reyna and Luis Jiminez, tech draw, 1
Wayne Lynum knocked out Juan Rosario, 2

FLYWEIGHTS

Hilario Zapata halted Shigeo Nakajima, 11
(Retained WBC Junior Flyweight Title)
Charlie Magri decisioned Alfonso Lopez, 10
Candido Tellez iced Juan Jose Guzman, 1
Juan Gardea destroyed Richardo Cortez, 1

Amateur ratings

BOXER OF THE MONTH: Lightweight John Johnson of Detroit for being named outstanding boxer at the Ohio State Fair.

HEAVYWEIGHT
1-James Broad, Army
2-Michael Arms, Madison, Wisc.
3-Tony Robitaille, Colchester, Vt.
4-Curtis Jackson, Santa Monica, Calif.
5-Joe Ballard, Lynchburg, Va.
6-Freddie Guzman, Fort Worth
8-Greg Stallings, Memphis
9-Johnny Keyes, San Francisco
10-David Slaughter, Cincinnati
Jantzen McCullers, Ft. Ord, Calif.

178 LBS.
1-Lee Roy Murphy, Chicago
2-Alex DeLucia, Portland, Ore.
3-Steve Eden, Des Moines
4-Johnny Williams, Chicago
5-Bernard Benton, Toledo
6-Steve Westbrook, St. Louis
7-Kelvin Kelly, Philadelphia
8-Monroe Gage, Minneapolis
9-Calvin Jackson, Marines
10-Michael Brothers, Chicago
Jay Strickland, Dallas

165 LBS.
1-Charles Carter, Santa Monica, Calif.
2-Lamont Kirkland, Omaha
3-Charles Henderson, Kansas City, Mo.
4-Martin Pierce, Flint, Mich.
5-Andy Schott, New Paltz, N.Y.
6-Randy Smith, Chicago
7-Michael Lee, Laurel, Md.
8-William Trendley, St. Louis
9-Charles Douglas, National City, Calif.
10-Scott Bryant, Army
Harry Truman, Hutchinson, Kans.

156 LBS.
1-Donald Bowers, Jackson, Tenn.
2-Alfred Mayes, Santa Monica, Calif.
3-James Green, Newark, N.J.
4-Neil Groom, Shawnee, Kans.
5-Joe Robinson, Baltimore
6-Ken Styles, Marines
7-Brian Matthews, Chicago
8-Michael Grogan, Atlanta
9-Roosevelt Green, Santa Monica
10-Chris Reid, Little Silver, N.J.

147 LBS.
1-Donald Curry, Fort Worth
2-Eddie Green, Army
3-Gene Hatcher, Fort Worth
4-Darnell Knox, Detroit
5-Michael Wright, Lynchburg, Va.
6-Kelvin Burton, Santa Monica
7-Tim Christensen, Marines
8-Sean Pruitt, Columbus, Ga.
9-Jake Torrence, Chicago
10-Floyd Peavy, Glen Falls, N.Y.

139 LBS.
1-Ronnie Shields, Houston
2-Jerome Kinney, Detroit
3-Terry Silver, Louisville
4-James Mitchell, Army
5-George Haynes, Mannes
6-Bryant Ware, Brooklyn, N.Y.
7-Darrell Chambers, Detroit
8-Darryl Robinson, Houston
9-Harry Arroyo, Youngstown, Ohio
10-Darryl Anthony, Florissant, Mo.

132 LBS.
1-Joe Manley, Army
2-Frank Randall, Morristown, Tenn.
3-Robin Blake, Levelland, Tex.
4-Vincent Releford, Fort Worth
5-John Johnson, Detroit
6-Frankie Davis, Reno
7-Delio Palacios, Benavides, Tex.
8-Billy White, St. Louis
9-Arnie Wells, Davison, Mich.
10-Henry Hughes, Cleveland

125 LBS.
1-Irving Mitchell, Army
2-Clifford Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
3-Joe Johnson, Detroit
4-Ronald Gary, Phoenix
5-David Percifield, Dallas
6-Orlando Johnson, Chicago
7-William Johnson, Washington, D.C.
8-Hector Camacho, New York City
9-Eiichi Jumawan, Wahiawa, Hi.
10-Roland Cooley, Philadelphia
Shelton LeBlanc, Carencro, La.

119 LBS.
1-Jackie Beard, Jackson, Tenn.
2-Harold Petty, St. Louis
3-Myron Taylor, Philadelphia
4-Steve Cruz, Fort Worth
5-David Grayton, Washington, D.C.
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LOU SALICA, BEN JEBY, ROCKY GRAZIANO and Vito Antuofermo were all great champions and all have one thing in common: They shop at Geo and Sid's Kosher Delicatessen, 2175 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Moe Kessler, the manager, is a life-long fight buff and his greatest claim to fame, he says, is: "I'm related to the late great Sam Taub, broadcaster and writer, whose columns and articles appeared in the Ring Magazine for decades." Nat Fleischer, the late founder and publisher of Ring, considered the deli to be the best and patronized the deli where photos of prominent local boxer's are displayed. Moe Kessler promises a good welcome to members of the fight fraternity, should they visit. . .

James Balukevich, founder of the Washington D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame and 1st vice-president of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, was mentioned in a boxing column which made history when it was read in the United States Congress and recorded in the Congressional Record dated July 25, 1980. Big Jim is a former Mayor in Hawaii and has been closely connected with boxing as a fighter, judge, and inspector, and is also the right hand man of York Van Nixon, chairman of the Washington D.C. Athletic Commission. Jim recently entered the Senior Olympics held in Hollywood, California and won the Gold Medal in the boxing events and can now say he is the "middleweight champion of the Senior Citizens of America." Contact: Ben Franklin Station, P.O. Box 172, 12th Street—P.A. Avenue N.W. Washington D.C. 20044 . . .

Niagara Falls, New York, was the site for the Jersey Jones memorial annual boxing show, which was held at the Greek Theater there. President Jim Harkins of the National VBA Ring 44, reported that the event was a terrific success. My old friend Tony Unitas, chairman of the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame, traveled from Toronto to be the special guest. Jersey Jones, an editor of the Ring Magazine, an authority and historian of the sport, and was a columnist and boxing writer par excellence, had held the presidency of the National Veteran Boxers Association in addition to many other posts in the Veteran Boxer rings in his native New Jersey. His presence is still felt and activated through his widow, Audrey, who is the president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the N.V.B.A. and editor of the NVBA monthly magazine "Punch." Contact: 34 Pulaski Drive, N. Arlington, New Jersey 07032. Subscriptions for "Punch" are welcomed. Send $6 U.S. Currency for 12 issues . . .

Irving Abramson, publisher of the popular "Boxing World," did a great job as chairman of the National VBA Convention held at the fashionable DeLido Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. The convention, sponsored by two Florida rings—Ring 31 and Ring 7—was a huge success. Bernie Manhoff, president of the NVBA, was elated and stated that it was the "finest get together of ex-boxers I've ever seen." The event, held October 10-11-12, even had a group who flew over from England. The late Bernie Cohen, former member of Ring 31, donated his entire collection of boxing memorabilia to the NVBA, which brought a substantial sum for the coffers of the veteran boxers benefit fund. Stu Levine of Ring 9, New Jersey, and Dale Green of Philadelphia did a great job as auctioneers and arranged the collection for the fund raising sale which will also create a "Bernie Cohen Fund."

In the "Directory of Rings and Associations" printed in the April issue of Ring Magazine, 1980, Johnny Defoe was noted as the president of VBA, Ring 8, of New York City. Former amateur boxer Phil Rutha, who has been the past treasurer of Ring 8, is now the President. The ring meets at the Holiday Inn Hotal, 400 West 57th Street, New York City, on the First and Third Tuesday of every month, commencing at 8 p.m. . . .

The United States has published a philatelic collection commemorating boxers. Postage stamps have been issued for the following boxers: Jack Johnson, Tommy Burns, Jess Willard, Jack Dempsey, John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, James J. Jeffries, Max Baer, James J. Braddock, Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles, Gene Tunney, Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Primo Carnera, Floyd Patterson, Sonny Liston, Cassius Clay, Joe Walcott, Rocky Marciano, and Ingemar Johansson. This fact was brought to my attention by boxing memorabelia collector Charlie Crook of London, who sent me photo-copies of this collection and asked me "Is there a stamp to commemorate Joe Frazier.?" Truthfully, this writer doesn't know, perhaps readers may oblige by notifying this column

Pat Leonard Sr., 27 Parkside Circle, Braintree, Massachusetts, 02184, is the new president of VBA Ring 4, of Boston. Former president Joe Nolan under doctor's care. Get well soon Joe . . .

Jack Lotz, former professional boxer and referee, sold his bar and grill in Yonkers, N.Y. to go full-time in his quest for fame and fortune as an actor. He had a recent movie role in "The Raging Bull," film biography of former middleweight champion of the world, Jake LaMotta. Jack was cast as a referee in the movie, acting out the late Arthur Donovan's role as third man. Jack has rung up a large number of credits in movies with Frank Sinatra, Woody Allen, Paul Newman, Ed Asner, Jack Lemmon, Ben Gazzara, Al Pacino, Art Carney and Lee Strasberg, to mention a few of the stars. Print work, Commercials, and Soap Opera's are now Jack's work. He is also vice-president of Westchester IVBA Ring 30 and can be contacted at 154 Ridge Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y. 10703 . . .

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RETURN WITH US NOW TO THOSE THRILLING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR..

WHEN WRITERS WERE WRITERS

By HAROLD ROSENTHAL

EVERYONE HAS A FAVORITE FIGHT writer and if you'll hold still for listening about mine, I'll listen to yours—later. My man was Charles Francis Coe and this goes back a half-century when, if you wanted to know what happened at a fight, you read the papers. There were people like Graham McNamee, and Clem McCarthy and Sam Taub and Bill Stern and Ted Husing on the radio, but that was only for "instant news." If you really wanted details, the inside stuff that made following fights the special thing it was before World War II, you sat down with the morning paper and read every line over a half-dozen cups of coffee.

And that evening you got a couple of the afternoon papers and read the literature composed by the evening paper fellows who had more time, presumably, to collect their thoughts and get what was called in the trade an "angle."

And then there were the special people hired for the celebrity quality of their name . . . maybe Jack Dempsey, or Gene Tunney, or Jack Sharkey, a big favorite in New England, and heavy-hitters like that. Sometimes they wrote their own stuff, sometimes one of the more experienced typewriter jockeys transferred the celeb's "observations" into 1,000 crisp words or less before slapping the cover back onto his portable and joining the rest of the gang back at the hotel.

One such celebrity was the multi-talented Charles Francis Coe. He was a lawyer, a criminologist, and a novelist. In 1927—the year Babe Ruth socked all those homers—Coe did a little socking himself. He banged out a best-selling novel called, "Me . . . Gangster." In the '20s "gangster" was a buzzword, much like "mafia" is today.

Coe had an intense interest in fighters, though he had never tried it himself. Somewhere along the line he had picked up the nickname "Socker," and he liked it.

In 1930 Max Schmeling won the heavyweight title from Jack Sharkey on a fourth-round foul. The following summer they matched Schmeling with Young Stribling in Cleveland's big outdoor stadium in a fight which generated a lot of interest. Stribling was an unusual young fighter, having grown from a featherweight to a heavyweight since high school. He was handled by his mother and father who had been circus gymnasts and he was a forerunner of today's youth "doing its thing," to wit, he rode a fast motorcycle. Matter of fact, he died on one.

For Schmeling-Stribling, the New York *Post*, a pillar of Republicanism under the Curtis family of Philadelphia—which also owned the Saturday Evening Post—decided it needed something extra in addition to the regular staff members. Would "Socker" Coe cover the fight for them in some of that excellent prose which had made his several books such big hits? He certainly would.

Schmeling beat Young Stribling, knocking him out in the fifteenth. It was a reasonably dull affair according to contemporary accounts. Coe beat everyone else in with his story. It read like this:

By Charles F. (Socker) Coe

Cleveland, July 3—I saw nothing to write about in the Max Schmeling-Young Stribling fight.

That was it, in its entirety, and fortunately for posterity, someone with a sense of humor was running the sports desk that night and printed it word for word, then left about a half-dozen inches of plain white space below, just in case you didn't get the idea.

I promised I'd listen to yours now, but I'm afraid I'll have to renege for just one more . . . Hype Igoe.

Hype Igoe was a turn-of-the-century Californian who eventually wound up in New York as the fight writer for the New York *Evening Journal*, one of three Hearst papers in New York. The Hearst papers were very big on fights, and, as it turned out, some of their writers ran little ancilliary businesses on the side: like helping fight promoters divvy up their gates. Their clout traced to something called the Hearst Milk Fund, a charity which provided free milk for the poor children of New York, and there were a lot more of them then, making a lot less of a fuss than today. There were "stations" where mothers could take their children for the daily allotment, the idea tracing back to William Randolph Hearst's tender-hearted wife, Phoebe Apperson Hearst who had made this particular charity her No. 1 concern.

Igoe wasn't involved in the pie-cutting; he just wrote—and enjoyed life. He is credited with introducing the ukelele to New York, and there was a famous sports watering hole called Jack's on Sixth Avenue where he used to keep this prized instrument—in the meat refrigerator, supposedly because his Hawaiian friends had told him that it would keep the strings from snapping. Apparently, he had never bothered to ask his Hawaiian friends where they kept their own ukeleles.

Igoe knew them all. He took credit for naming Stanley Ketchel the "Michigan Assassin." If he was alive today (Igoe, not Ketchel) he'd be well over 100. What fascinated me about Igoe's style, when I read him as a kid reporter, was his use of CAPITAL LETTERS. He'd sprinkle them around like a good chef used seasoning. Some would be regular capital letters like this when Igoe delivered an opinion: WHAT A WALLOP!" Other times he would resort to italicized capital letters when he wanted to deliver some extra-meaningful quote from a fighter,

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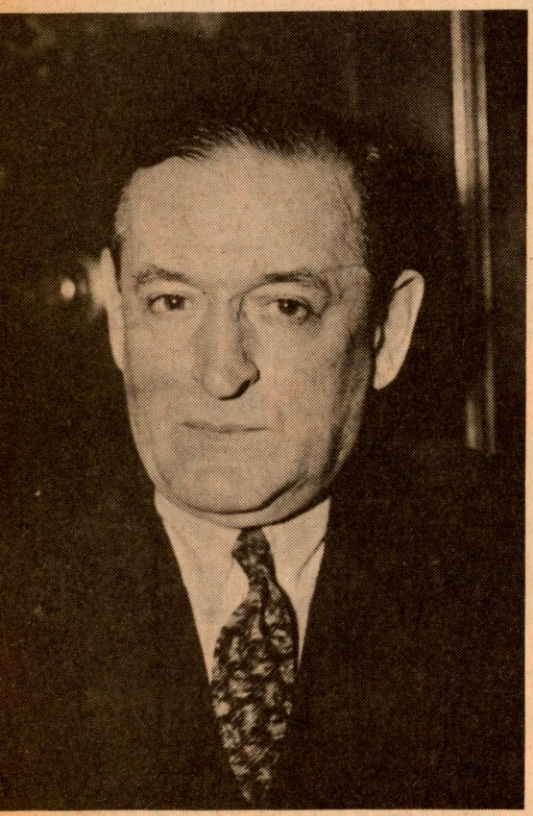


Hype Igoe, a transplanted Californian, wound up writing for Hearst's New York Evening Journal. He was known for his use of capital letters to punctuate points in a story.

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING, QUITTING LIKE YOU DID IN HARTFORD?

Over on the N.Y. *Sun*, Frank Graham had developed a style which others who came along, myself included, tried in vain to copy. It was known as the "you" school of sports journalism . . . "You're talking to Max Baer when his manager, Ancil Hoffman, bursts into the room and starts to give the big guy four or five orders which you know he wouldn't even try to carry out when he gets in the ring to spar . . . " The third time I tried it the head of our copy desk, a sour guy who suffered from wife problems and ulcers before the days of Maalox, called me over, and asked, "What's with this 'You' stuff? Cut it out."

They've been awarding the Pulitzer prizes for top newspaper writing in the U.S. for more than sixty years but members of the awards committee have never exactly run themselves bowlegged chasing a boxing writer to hand him the award. Of all the hundreds of top-flight scribes who have covered the fight game, writing sometimes under conditions that would have caused Job to flinch, only one is listed. Westbrook Pegler got it for his political columns, not for any accounts of rapid combinations to the head and body. Peg was a fight writer originally out of Chicago.

Twenty years ago Max Kase, a New York sports editor, picked up a special Pulitzer citation, but the sport he was involved in at the time was basketball, and his involvement consisted of putting together all the information on basketball fixes in the colleges funneled to him by his staff. The bauble has also been awarded to Arthur Daley, a general sports columnist on the New York *Times* with no particular affinity for the fights and William H. Taylor, for his accounts of the America's Cup yacht races between the U.S. and Britain back in the '30s. Yacht racing indeed!

If chances of a fight writer winning the Pulitzer were slight in the past they're practically non-existent today. That's because fight writing is no longer a full-time assignment, around the clock and around the seasons, as it was once on a lot of papers in the big cities. Not a single paper has a writer who devotes himself exclusively to fight coverage and fight news. Rather, it's treated as an added chore for some reporter with another major assignment. F'rinstance, even the New York *Times*, regarded as the most important opinion moulder in the U.S., has a fight writer who splits his time covering the football Giants. They spring him when a big one comes up.

Ditto in Washington where the Washington Post is regarded as o.m. (opinion moulder) No. 2. There Dave Brady, the fight man, concerns himself with all 28 clubs in the National Football League and the gossip he writes, so dear to the heart of the fight fan, has mainly to do with football players' salaries rather than the connivings of rival ring managers.

In New York again, the Daily *News* has the largest circulation in the U.S. yet they'd be hard put to name their "regular" fight writer. "Whoever happens to be around and have a suitcase packed gets to go to Las Vegas, or wherever the next big TV extravaganza is occurring. The day-to-day tidbits are handled by Bill Gallo, their gifted cartoonist.

Not only is this not the Golden Age of Boxing, it's not the Golden Age of Fight Writing either.

At this point, however, the fight writer who was almost as much a personality as the pugilists he wrote about is just about gone because there is no longer a need for him. In his place have come along the TV "personalities" who tell fighters how much they admired them on the air, and whose question goes something like this: "but I gotta ask you this tough question", which doesn't come out tough at all, but is just another form of dressing up "the show." To the fight writer a prize fight has been just that, and always will be—a fight, not a "show," which has a top and a bottom.

The glory days of the fight writers were the days of the big gates. Radio provided a modest fee, TV was still just a theory. Promoters knew they couldn't do it without the press—i.e., the fight writers—and planned accordingly.

The first $100 fight ticket in the U.S. (Louis-Conn I), for instance, came about only because the press kept insisting that this had to be the first $100 fight because of its immense attraction. This was at a time when a good fight reporter was amply satisfied with a weekly pay envelope of $50. So, the tickets for the Louis-Conn fight were printed and when the press saw the $100 ringside tariff they, in their real or fancied role as defenders of the public interest, screamed and demanded to know where Mike Jacobs had gotten the idea that he could "get away" with a $100 ticket?

"From you guys," answered Mike with an extra chomp on his false choppers.

Mike Jacobs was the first sports entrepeneur I ever heard of who realized the impact TV might eventually have. "Time might come," he said in an idle moment, "when you could put on a championship fight in a place no bigger than this room and make money at it." Old Mike was

speaking at a point in time when the biggest activity on Las Vegas' main street concerned whether or not the Studebaker touring car passing through en route to Tonopah would stop and fill up at the Sosal gas station.

Mike's predictions have literally come true. The spectators on a Saturday afternoon or a Thursday night watching a championship fight in Nevada's No. 1 city could all be given passes and the fight would still make money, thanks to the TV take.

Mike Jacobs worked closely with the Hearst A.C., mentioned earlier at the "top" of this show—beg pardon, story. He needed them for his big outdoor fights at the ballparks where he was promoting in opposition to firmly-entrenched Madison Square Garden (which the 20th Century Sporting Club eventually superseded). And Mike, who learned his basic economics not from college professors but from peddling peanuts on the excursion boats that ran from New York's Battery to Coney Island, was glad to cut the fellows in on the "take."

One funny story about those on the "take" is worth re-telling because it involves money and there aren't too many funny-money stories around these days unless they are concerned with someone counterfeiting three-dollar bills—and that's already been done for the movies.

Anyway, the trio had put aside a nice tidy sum under a phony name, all safely stashed in cash in a safe-deposit vault with a trusted associate in charge. Said trusted associate received either a real or fancied "hustling" from this group. He took his grievance to the Internal Revenue boys, telling them about the untaxed money sitting there in the box.

There was no sense having violence visited upon the snitch since the damage was already done. The money sat there day after day, month after month, with the bank personnel instructed to advise the IRS the moment someone showed up with the key and asked to be let in. Eventually the trio passed away. The story was that those 150 big ones, then a fortune, passed along to the IRS after the standard no-claim wait.

Fight-writing has changed drastically in the last generation. For one thing the telegraph operator is gone. Ninety percent of the writers twenty, thirty, forty years ago simply couldn't have worked without them. A change in the man alongside would have affected their performance drastically.

The telegraph operator worked with a "bug" which was a fast, spring-loaded version of the old telegraph key. In the standard model your fingers had to pump the key up and down; the bug was so constructed that sideways pressure would rip off the vital "dots" as long as you applied pressure.

Additionally, the telegraph operators had perfected something called Phillips code, which was a system of abbreviations which enabled the operator on the receiving end to keep up with anything the writer could produce, either on paper or via dictation. Watching a skilled fight writer dictate a blow-by-blow to an equally-skilled operator, barking in his ear to be heard above the din of 60,000 screaming spectators, was a sight to be remembered forever.

Later came the teletype machines with keyboards, which took up a lot more space and fouled things up a bit on the narrow working benches provided to the members of the press around ringside. Then these were gone too. Today if you see any "machinery" at ringside it'll probably be something known as a Tele-Ram, which is far beyond my comprehension (I'm still trying to figure out how a dial telephone works) and probably, that of most others, too.

The Tele-Ram, or its equivalent, is a one-hundred percent electronic job which sends the writer's story not only into the newspaper office but right into its computers where it emerges as type ready to be pasted up and slapped into the paper. From the top of the Tele-Ram the writer gets a typed copy of what he is writing; but the story itself appears in a kind of ghostly green light on a screen in front of him, and everything is a lighted image. It hooks up to a phone at ringside and you're in business.

Unfortunately, you have to look at the screen when you're typing and when you do that during a fight you could miss something in the ring. Like a knockout. So there's a distinct drawback there but it's part of the inexorable march of progress.

On the plus side is that these machines do very little drinking and they'll send what you put in them. They *won't* say Sugar Ray "Robinson" when you mean Sugar Ray "Leonard." Sometimes a telegrapher, in touch with the free whiskey at fight headquarters, would take the liberty of correcting the copy given him, disregarding the fact that it was a Grantland Rice, a Bob Considine, a Heywood Broun, a Warren Brown or some similar titan whose prose he was taking the initiative with.

The machines probably fit in fine with today's version of the fight writers but it would be difficult to sell it over the merits of the old-time telegrapher to the men who covered Dempsey-Tunney, Louis-Schmeling and other big ones of the past. In practically 100 percent of the memories of the old-timers is some occasion when a telegraph operator did something special for the writer. And when there were two telegraph companies—Western Union and Postal Telegraph—the operators did everything from lugging a complimentary house portable typewriter to saving an occasional job by filling in for some writer a little the worse for wear.

In the latter category we have the oft-told story of the writer who drinks too much and is obviously not going to rise to the occasion of doing his job. His colleagues are much too busy to worry about him; by the time they finish their own work and get around to his it will simply be too late. He will have blown the edition and penetrating questions will be asked.

But the quiet little operator alongside is equal to the situation. He shuffles through the stuff already sent by a half-dozen writers, picking up a piece from here and there, and patches them into reasonable sequence. He sticks his hero's name on top and away it goes. An emergency had developed and had been met successfully.

What happens, though, when the incapacity stretches past a single day or night? Well, the operator still struggled manfully to meet the situation, but here it's a little tougher because other writers start to resent his fingering their stories. Still he matches up. Finally the beleaguered writer comes out of the ether sufficiently to read his own paper, and sees the counterfeit stuff under his byline. Does he rush right out and buy the operator a new hat at the very least? No, he does not.

He confronts him and roars, "I've just been reading the stuff you've been sending for me. If it doesn't get any better I'm going to switch to Postal Telegraph."

Those days are gone now, and progress—defined by one wag as "The continuing effort to make things as good as we think they used to be"—marches on. To some, including me, that's a shame. ■

Steeler owner Art Rooney flanked by the Brothers Conn—Jackie (L) and Billy (R).

The Fighting Irish:

Billy Conn and Art Rooney In A Verbal Donnybrook

By Jim O'Brien

"THINK ABOUT IT," BOASTED BILLY Conn, "the best guys in the world are former boxers. You've got Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Art Rooney . . . Art Rooney?

"Hope fought under the name Packy East when he was a kid in Cleveland. He had about 13 pro fights and won about one of them. Sinatra boxed a little bit out of Hoboken, N.J. Sinatra's the highest-class guy in the world. He raised over a million dollars for Joe Louis. No one can put a patch on him . . . except Art Rooney.

"He's the quarterback on the first team of the all-nice guys. There are a lot of bad guys and fools in this world, but just a few good guys," said Conn. "A guy like Art Rooney takes up the slack. He's an unassuming real nice guy; the way he acts, he's just another guy."

Billy Conn, of course, is a former boxer himself. He was the light heavyweight champion of the world for parts of 1939 and 1940, vacating the title to box in the heavyweight ranks. Twice Conn fought Joe Louis for his title, and twice came up short, though he was ahead on the scoring cards when Louis knocked him out in the 13th round in their first meeting. Their meetings provided Louis with two of his three biggest purses as a prize fighter until, that is, Sinatra tossed a fund-raising testimonial to him in Las Vegas a few years back.

The 63-year-old Conn is a frequent companion of the 79-year-old Art Rooney, a beloved sports figure who boxed and played baseball and football as a youngster in Pittsburgh, and today is best known as the owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, winners of the last two Super Bowls and the National Football League championship in four of the last six seasons.

Rooney's life-long love affair with horse racing has been more celebrated and chronicled than his equally-ardent romance with boxing. He never misses a fight on TV and, until recent years, he seldom missed personally attending any of the big championship fights. "You didn't have to go out of the country, or to Egypt, to stage a fight in those days," he says with a sneer.

As a young man, Rooney was both a national and international boxing champion, and once qualified for the U.S. Olympic boxing team. Later on, during his early years as an owner of the Steelers, he also promoted pro boxing matches in Pittsburgh.

Conn and Rooney were reminiscing

Art Rooney and Billy Conn hold a flattering picture of Louis-Conn I, taken from Rooney's "Wall of Fame" in his Steeler office.

about boxing's grand old days during lunch one day this summer at the Allegheny Club, located in Three Rivers Stadium, where diners have an expansive view of the playing field where the Steelers—and another world champion, the baseball Pirates—play their home games.

Asked about his boxing skills, Rooney replied without a hint of boasting in his voice, "I could hit. I was a champion."

He began boxing when he was 16, and fought in the national amateur tournament in Toronto where he won the lightweight title. "I beat Arnold Thornberg for an AAU title here at the P.A.A. (Pittsburgh Athletic Association) in an outdoor match around 1917," recalled Rooney. "There was great intercity competition for amateurs in those days, between teams from the Boston and New York athletic clubs. You could keep real busy."

Rooney qualified to fight as a lightweight entry in the 1920 Olympics at Antwerp, Belgium, but declined to go because he did not wish to interrupt his studies at the Catholic school he was attending at the time. Friends say Rooney was interested in becoming a priest, not a boxer, back then.

"I beat Sammy Mossberg to go to the Olympics," Rooney recalled, "and then I didn't go. He won the Gold Medal at the Olympics and when he came back I beat him again. I boxed for about two or three years; I boxed professional twice. I forget the first guy I fought, but the second was Sammy Mandell, who later became a champion. We fought in a preliminary in Chicago to a main event in which Tommy O'Brien fought Pinky Mitchell.

"That's the only time I almost seriously became a fighter. I was supposed to go to Australia and fight Mandell, and stay there and do some fighting. Tommy O'Brien was a champion in Australia at the time. Tommy O'Brien's wife talked me out of going to Australia, and did me the biggest favor of my life."

To which Conn contributed. "That's for sure!"

As Rooney and Conn chatted about their boxing experiences, they tossed around some of the great names in the game as casually as others at the Allegheny Club were exchanging the salt and pepper shakers.

Sammy Mandell and Tommy O'Brien were merely openers. Other names that crept into their conversation included Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Muhammad Ali—Rooney referred to him that way while Conn kept calling him Cassius Clay—Melio Bettina, Tony Galento, Teddy Yarosz, Harry Greb, Sammy Angott, Frank Klaus, ritzie ivic, Tommy Farr, Mickey Walker, Benny Leonard, Jimmy McLarnin, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ezzard Charles, Tommy Loughran, Gene

A younger Art Rooney as an international amateur boxing champion.

Tunney, Jack Dempsey, Tony Canzoneri, Freddie Miller, Solly Krieger, Oscar Rankins, Charlie Burley, Billy Soose, Joe Frazier, Billy Petrolle and Henry Armstrong.

It was like thumbing through *The Ring Record Book*, and all the names had a sweet sound as they rolled off their tongues. It was obvious they preferred talking about the old-timers.

Riding an elevator up to the Allegheny Club that day, they devoted some words, not necessarily kind ones, to some of today's boxers. The modern day performers got roughed up pretty good. All that was lacking was a thumb in the eye from Fritzie Zivic, another pal of Rooney and Conn.

Both Rooney and Conn had caught Larry Holmes' KO victory over Scott LeDoux a few nights earlier on their TVs. "Oh, that was awful!" said Rooney, closing his eyes at the memory.

"It's unbelievable!" cried Conn. "How could anybody be as bad as that guy LeDoux?" Rooney responded by simply wagging his white-maned head.

"I haven't seen the fight yet between Roberto Duran and Sugar Ray Leonard," allowed Rooney, "but my boys, Tim and Pat, paid $500 apiece for ringside seats. They said it was the greatest fight they'd ever seen. I'll have to see it on TV before I can believe that."

Duran had been Conn's choice to win that fight. When his prediction was printed in the Pittsburgh *Press* a lot of local sports fans immediately called their neighborhood bookies to bet on Leonard. That tells you something about Conn's reputation for picking winners in Pittsburgh!

"I like the way Duran fights," interjected Rooney. "He's a throwback."

"He knows how to fight," Conn came back. "The other guy can't beat him. Duran has too much experience and the other guy's an amateur."

It was suggested that Duran might not be as dedicated the next time he fights Leonard, not having as much to prove. "Yeah, but he'll have a chance to make a few million the next time," said Rooney. "He'll be making the big money the next time. That might motivate him; it should.

But when people tell me their fight was one of the all-time great fights I figure those people haven't seen many fights. We had so many masters in my day. My, oh my, the fighters we had then. I hate to live in the past," related Rooney, "because that's all the old guys coming into my office want to talk about every day. But I have to when I talk about boxing. The young guys never saw fighters."

Rooney recalled a classic fight held in 1936 in Pittsburgh, one of three meetings between Solly Krieger and Oscar Rankins. "It was a Duquesne Gardens," recalled Conn. "It was the world's greatest fight. I was there. I fought both of them later."

Conn and Rooney also agreed that Harry Greb was the greatest fighter in the history of the game. "I never saw him, but I heard plenty about him," said Conn. "He was always in great shape, and he'd fight anybody. Sometimes he'd fight a few times in the same week. He was always willing and ready to go. He must've been something."

"I saw the first Greb-Tunney fight," recalled Rooney. "Greb beat him twice, though he got robbed once." (For the record, they fought five times, Tunney won twice, lost once, and there were two no-decisions).

Greb died Oct. 22, 1926, following an operation on his eye. "He's buried here in Calvary Cemetery, near my mother," volunteered Conn.

Greb, who was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame, was the middleweight champion of the world and the American light heavyweight champion. He was managed by Red Mason, who once tried to get Rooney to turn pro, and George Engel, who served as Rooney's best man.

To give further proof of his ties to boxing people, Rooney served as godfather for Timmy Conn, Billy's oldest son, and for Charlie Jones—who managed Sammy Angott—when Jones converted to Catholicism.

"I fought for Art a lot of times," recalled Conn. "I defended my title against (Melio) Bettina at Forbes Field in one of his fights. I remember another fight there in which I got $19,500 for boxing a guy named Buddy Knox. You could have beaten that guy; that was like stealing it."

Rooney promoted fights along with Barney McGinley, whose son, Jack, has succeeded him as a silent partner of Rooney with the city's pro football franchise. The Rooney-McGinley Fight Club was a force in its day.

Its most significant promotion was a heavyweight championship fight between Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles at Forbes Field on July 18, 1951. Walcott KO'd Charles in the seventh round to win the championship.

"If you talk about how good those guys were," related Rooney, "the young guys say you're living in the past. If you tell guys that Louis and Marciano would knock out Ali in a few rounds they don't want to believe you."

On that note, Conn couldn't stay silent long: "Ahh, Clay couldn't beat Louis or Marciano. They'd have flattened him fast. And a guy like Jimmy McLarnin would've killed Duran!"

Conn has a great deal of respect for his one-time peers, especially Louis. In 1940, Conn gave up his light heavyweight title to campaign in the heavyweight ranks. On June 18, 1941, he fought Louis in a title bout at the Polo Grounds in New York.

Conn was ahead on the scorecards after 12 rounds, but got careless in the 13th round and was counted out at 2:58.

Rooney is fond of telling a story about that one to the Steelers' players, as he did later during our visit, in the company of offensive guards Sam Davis, Thom Dornbrook and Gerry Mullins. "Billy, in later years, asked Joe Louis why he didn't let him win that fight," related Rooney. "He told Joe they could have fought for the title again in a return match in six months, for really big money, and Louis could have reclaimed his title at that time.

Pittsburgh's Proud Boxing Heritage

Pittsburgh is currently called the "City of Champions" because of the continued success of its world championship teams, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pittsburgh Pirates, as well as for the fine college football teams turned out at Pitt, which won the national championship in 1976, and Carnegie-Mellon, one of the most successful Div. III teams in the East.

Once upon a time, though, when its ball teams weren't so good, it could still have been called the "City of Champions," at least as far as boxing was concerned.

"Pittsburgh was once the best fight town," recalled Billy Conn. "We had five world champions at once."

Well, almost anyhow. Folklore has it that Pittsburgh once spawned five of the eight professional boxing champions, but that's not really accurate.

Between July 13, 1939 and Nov. 18, 1941, Billy Conn, Sammy Angott, Fritzie Zivic, Billy Soose and Jackie Wilson all won championships of the world, but they were not champs at the same time. And it was stretching a point to say Soose and Angott were Pittsburghers.

Angott always lived in Washington, Pa., and Soose was from Farrell. Close, but no Pittsburgh. But they did most of their fighting out of Pittsburgh, and were adopted sons. Especially when they won.

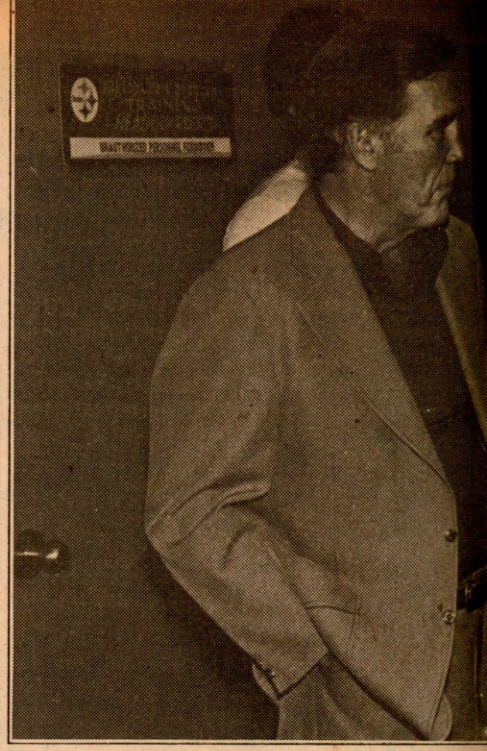
Other Pittsburgh area fighters from that period who won world titles were Frank Klaus, George Chip, Harry Greb and Teddy Yarosz.

"You could fight good fighters here," recalled Conn, who once claimed the light heavyweight crown and was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1965.

Conn trained at the Pittsburgh Lyceum, which stood on a site across the street from where the Civic Arena is now, on the edge of downtown Pittsburgh. "I boxed Tony Canzoneri there, and Freddie Miller, and Mickey Walker. Walker was so old then he had to sit and rest between rounds. Johnny Ray—his real name was Harry Pitler, the brother of Brooklyn Dodger coach Jake Pitler—taught me how to fight, and he always put me in against good fighters. He said, 'good fighters won't hurt you. They know how to fight.' And he was right!

"I never fought an amateur fight. My first fight was a four-rounder in Fairmont, West Virginia against Dick Woodwer. I was 16 and he was 20 (Conn didn't mention that he lost his debut). We got $4 as our end. Johnny Ray gave me 50 cents, and told me to get something to eat."

—JIM O'BRIEN



Art Rooney regales Sam Davis in Steeler club

Joe told him, 'Billy, I gave you the title for 12 rounds, and you didn't know what to do with it. What would you have done with it for six months?' "

Later, Rooney disclosed that he'd brought Conn into the clubhouse a year ago and that none of the players recognized his name. "But I asked the black guys if they'd heard about Joe Louis, and they all sure knew him!"

It's a two-way street, though. This writer was present last winter when Jack Lambert, the Steelers' linebacker and the UPI's Defensive Player of the Year in the AFC last season, was confronted in the hallway at Three Rivers Stadium one afternoon.

Rooney said, "Jack, you know my friend, Billy Conn," and Lambert nodded. And Rooney turned to Conn, and said, "You know Jack here, don't you Billy?" And Conn nodded and said, quite seriously, "Sure, Jack Ham, right?" The sour look on Lambert's face could have knocked Conn down faster than a Louis right.

"I have an excuse," Conn conceded later on. "I took too many punches to the head. But what's the big deal?"

To which Mary Regan, Rooney's longtime secretary and Gal Friday, offered, "Billy, how'd you like somebody to mistake you for Fritzie Zivic?"

Louis and Conn did fight again, and for big money. In fact, it was a record gate at the time. A crowd of 45,266 showed up at Yankee Stadium, and the gate was $1,925,505. Louis got $625,916.44, and Conn received $325,958.22. Conn was KO'd at 2:19 of the eighth round.

ewith yet another "Conn Game" story.

Even so, Conn is still very popular in New York, if not necessarily in Pittsburgh. "Here, I'm a bum," claims Conn, overstating the case. To emphasize his point, Conn tells a story:

"Budd Schulberg, who's a wonderful guy, wanted me to be in a movie based on his book, 'On The Waterfront', but I told him I made one stink-bomb movie about myself—'The Pittsburgh Kid'—and I didn't want to make another.

"So I went to see the movie, and Marlon Brando is this fighter who raises pigeons, and he's sitting in a taxi talking to his older brother, who's played by Rod Steiger. Steiger tells him, 'If you had behaved yourself, you'd have been another Billy Conn.' And this guy in front of me in the theatre tells his girlfriend, 'Isn't he a big enough bum as it is now?' Even I had to laugh at that one."

Conn couldn't stop with one story. "Do you know who was the toughest, guttiest guy of all time in the fight game?"

Even Rooney didn't respond to that one.

"It was Battling Siki," Conn came back. "He had to be the gamest guy to ever come along. He was a black guy and he defended his title against Mike McTigue on St. Patrick's Day in Dublin, Ireland. He had as much chance of winning that fight as a snowball in hell."

Sure enough, a check of *The Ring Record Book* reveals that Battling Siki, born Louis Phal in French West Africa, lost his title in a 20-round fight to McTigue on March 17, 1923 in Dublin.

Then Conn talked about Cuddy D'Marco, who came from the Western Pennsylvania community of Charleroi. "They called him 'The Sheik', and he was the handsomest, best-dressed guy," recalled Conn. "He once beat 161 guys in a row. Hell, you can't beat 161 girls in a row!"

Rooney chortled over Conn's Tales. And told a few of his own. "There used to be a romantic aspect to boxing," said Rooney. "You had some great managers, and they were real characters in their own right. There was Billy Gibson, Red Mason, George Engel—I could listen to him all day—Mike Jacobs, Jimmy Johnson and Johnny Ray."

He talked about his teen years when he played baseball with barnstorming teams, and what would happen when they'd hit towns that had carnivals going on. Said Rooney:

"Some years, my brother Dan and I would leave town in the summer with a semi-pro team, and we'd travel through Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York, playing for ten and twenty dollars a game. We'd play in Chatauquas. You know what a Chataqua was, don't you? It was approximately a week of carnival they'd have in small towns.

"A lot of those carnivals had athletic troupes that included fighters who would accept challenges from anybody in the house. You'd get three dollars a round for as long as you could stay in there. Well, that was made to order for Dan and me, because we could lick all those carnival guys. I mean, what kind of fighters would a carnival have? They could handle a farmer, all right, but they were very ordinary fighters. In the Ward (where he still lives), on the other hand, we had a boxing team—St. Peter's Lyceum, they called it—that was the equal of any in the world. A lot of us went to the nationals. So in these small towns the first thing we'd ask was 'did the carnival have an athletic troupe?' But after a while they got to know us, and they asked us to stay away. It was a reasonable request, so we did. But that was easy money while it lasted.

"I remember a guy in The Ward who "did the buck" on the railroad. You know what he was, don't you? It means he was a scab. The railroad men were on strike, but he went to work. Finally, people made it so bad for him in The Ward that he had to leave. Later he came back as a fighter for a carnival, and as soon as we heard about him coming back, we got hold of Squawker Mullen. Squawker was a national amateur champion—just a little fellow, maybe 110 pounds, but, boy, could Squawker fight! We had Squawker challenge the guy.

"But the trouble was, Squawker was out of condition and he got tired. He ran out of gas. The other fellow got Squawker in the corner and he was getting the best of him. So our Dan, who was a heavyweight, he just reached up over the ropes and hit the fellow—he nailed him like you would nail a bird in midair. Right away, someone hollered, 'Hey, Rube!', which was the signal for all the carnival hands to come on the run. The next thing we knew, the whole tent came down, and that ended the athletic events of that carnival. Dan's a priest now."

Rooney also recalled the time Conn came home on a three-day pass from the Army to attend his son's christening. Art was there to be the godfather for Timmy Conn. But Billy's father-in-law, a storied gentleman named "Greenfield Jimmy" Smith was still smarting over his daughter's decision to marry Conn.

"I could tell there was going to be trouble," recalled Rooney, "just by the look in their eyes. They both had a short fuse. Billy broke his hand hitting his father-in- law. But the father-in-law got in some good licks too. You should have seen the wall in the kitchen. It looked like somebody had tossed a bucket of red paint on it."

Now it was Conn's turn: "When I was 23," recalled Conn, "a guy wanted to lay an 8-to-5 bet I'd never be 27. Art said, 'I agree'."

That was good for another laugh. And so it went, "The Pittsburgh Kid", and the grand old man of Pittsburgh telling twice-told tales and savoring the camaraderie that flows when two sportsmen get together to talk over old times—and boxing. ■

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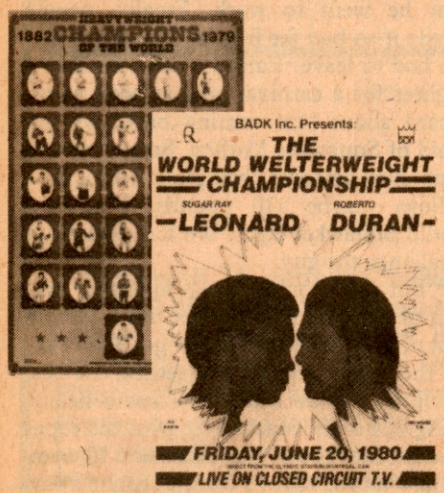

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INSIDE BOXING

WHEN JOE LOUIS REIGNED AS THE heavyweight king, he boxed them all. Michael Straus Jacobs, the promoter of the century who guided Louis' career, never game Louis a "soft touch". He insisted that Joe fight all legitimate contenders. Even John Henry Lewis, a close friend of Louis', could have very easily been "carried" by the champ, but this was not the case. Joe walked right out and kayoed John Henry in the very first round (January 25th, 1939).

Jacobs' philosophy was that any youngster aspiring for main bout status must *fight* his way up the ladder. No "soft touches" for the fighters who performed for Jacobs. And no man could get a title shot until he fought well enough to merit that match. Jacobs was the head of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club. The boxers who fought on Mike's cards had to fight from the opening bell—and that went for all, champions down to the four-round preliminary kids.

It's too bad that we don't have promoters of Mike Jacobs' calibre around today. Rip Valenti, out of Boston, is still around, however, at the tender age of 79 and is still active as a promoter—in fact, the only promoter of note in Boston today. On the night of Dacember 21, 1938, Valenti took the big gample and staged two heavyweight features between ringsters known outside of Boston—Bob Pastor vs. Tony Shucco and Buddy Knox vs. Al McCoy. This card drew 9,585 cash customers and a gate of $11, 943.50—big money in those days! That was the top money for any pro ring event that year in Massachusetts; the next best attraction in '38 paired "local life" George Martin with Providence, R.I. tough-guy Ralph "The Ripper" Zannelli.

Joe Bugner, on the comeback trail, tipped the Fairbanks at a whopping 240 for his win over Gilberto Acuna at the Forum in Inglewood, California. Acuna weighed a hefty 239! Nevada boxing commissioner Dave Pearl resigned that post in order to pursue a refereeing career. Pearl, who does an excellent job as third man, knows the business and was a very knowledgeable commissioner. A rare item around boxing today.

Rumors are that "Big" John Tate will resume his career this January, after evaluating himself carefully. Ace Miller must be careful who he puts Tate with for "starters."

MIKE JACOBS

It could very well be that his chin is suspect . . . Bruce Trampler moves out of Arizone to reunite with Teddy Brenner at Top Rank to handle the six amateur stars they have signed. Chris McDonald, the Tiverton, R.I. white heavyweight prospect—best I've seen since Rex Layne won the Nationals in Boson in 1950—is one of them . . . This could be a first: Johnny Lira Chicago lightweight worked the corner as heavyweight James "Quick" Tillis (18-0) scored a unanimous duke over Mike Koranicki, then jumped into his trunks and cup, entered the ring and scored a third round knockout over Leon Meza at Chicago's International Amphitheater.

It wouldn't surprise me to see former welterweight champ, Carlos Palomino and Jimmy Gilio, a former middleweight socker of repute, combine forces and get back into the boxing business. As manager and trainer, or vice versa, Palomino and Gilio are convinced that with the influx of top ranked Mexican fighters operating in California rings, this is thwere the money is. "They have the heart of lions, " says the duo. "All they need are teachers." I must agree with these two!

Vinnie Curto is cutting a wide swath in the opposition in Boston rings. Vinnie, back after 3 years of absence, is the only "name" boxing in New England at this time. Where has all the top talent that area produced for years gone? Al Clemente, 82 years young, is still active as a trainer . . . Johnny Dunn, now 72, still works with fighters in Boston . . . Charlie Luongo, veteran trainer and cornerman, is still around Boston and looking for a champ. These fellows are the regulars, never miss a show and are always ready to help some kid on his way up the fistic ladder. Now, where are the up-and-coming kids in New England?

See you next month—keep punching!

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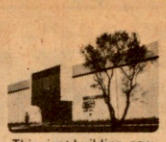

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By Red Smith

FRITZIE ZIVIC: THE NOSE KNOWS

THE MOST UNRETIRED MAN IN NORTH America went all retired again, this time for beauty's sweet sake. Fritzie (The Nose) Zivic, fresh back from a fist fight in Mexico City—"I run second"—unbuttoned a plaid sports jacket, hooked a thumb into the pocket of a chamois waistcoat as casually as he ever thrust it into an adversary's eyes, stretched suede-shod feet out beneath the luncheon table and pensively caressed the beak that looks like a mine cave-in.

"That's all," he said. "I'm through. That last fight was my last."

"How many retirements is this Fritzie, not counting those suggested by boxing commissions?"

"Two. Yeah, that's right, only two of my own. Of course, the newspapers probably retired me about ten times."

He introduced Justo Fontaine, a stake performer in his expanding fight stable. He handed over a folder of matches labeled: "Send your boy to Fritzie Zivic's new boxing school."

He mentioned the suburban arena where he is proprietor, promoter, manager, second, ticket-taker, and janitor and where he once pleaded vainly for permission to substitute for one of his main-eventers. He displayed the photograph of a lovely child in a boxing pose inscribed, "Janis Zivic, paperweight, aged five, twenty-seven fights, twenty-seven K.O.'s." He brought out a letter from Lew Burston advising that he could "pick up a couple grand" boxing "some local boy" in Puerto Rico.

Then he came through with the convincer. It was a letter from a Philadelphia plastic surgeon, who wrote, "I have often admired your skill at reshaping the noses of your unhappy opponents. You and I have directed our talents along parallel lines." The doctor offered to rebuild Fritzie's sway-backed prow for free, "just for the satisfaction it would give me."

"I talked to him on the phone," The Nose said. " 'Doc,' I ast him, 'can you fix up a scar under my left eye?' A cinch, he says. 'One more question, doc,' I ast him. 'Can you grow hair on my head?' He says, hell, I can be handsome without it. So I'm takin' no more punches on this schnoz. Fella named Perfecto Lopez give it to me in L.A. in 1933. He butt me and busted all the cartilages and I got a doctor out there—a doctor? A horse-doctor—and he took out too much cartilage, so in my next fight it caved in like this. I want a big one, big enough to wear a mustache under it."

"You'll be beautiful with a mustache behind the wheel of that Cadillac of yours."

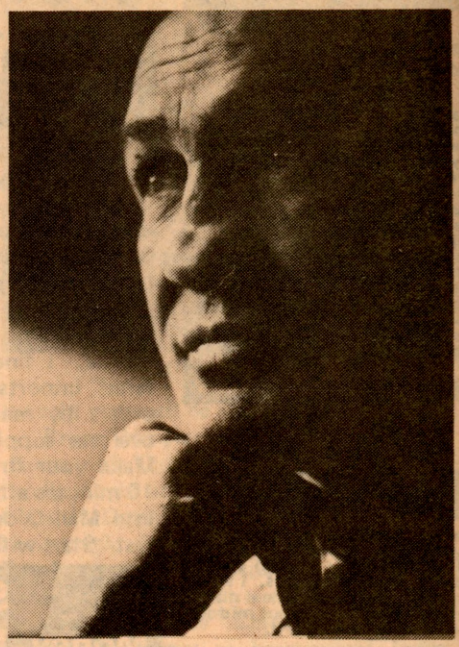
"You remember that Cadillac? Ever since I was a kid, that's what I always wanted. Figured then I'd be a success. So the day I'm fighting Henry Armstrong for the title in New York, I go and look at the biggest Cadillac I can find.

"That night Henry's givin' it to me pretty good and I can see that Cadillac rollin' farther and farther away from me. Henry's givin' me the elbows and the shoulders and the top of the head, and I can give that stuff back pretty good, but I don't dare to or maybe they'll throw me out of the ring.

"Well, in the seventh round I give him the head a couple times and choke him a couple times and use the elbow some, and the referee says: 'If you guys want to fight that way, it's okay with me.' Hot damn! I told Luke Carney in my corner: 'Watch me go now,' and from there out I saw that Cadillac turn around and come rollin' back.

"But I sold it when I was in the Army. I'm down in Texas and get a chance to fight in Houston. I ast the lieutenant if I could get a pass and he says: 'We'll ast the Old Man.' I'm in the army three months and don't know who the Old Man is. Well, he's the colonel and I'm scared. But the lieutenant takes me in and the Old Man puts his arm around my shoulders and says: 'Sit down and have a cigar, son. What'll it be?' He gives me a lousy cigar. The lieutenant explains and I sit there kind of groggy because I never smoked a cigar, but I got to make out I enjoy it. The Old Man says sure I can have the pass and I said I'd give part of the purse to the camp athletic fund. Forget it, he says, in the Army I can keep what I get. So I take a couple guys with me to Houston and I flatten the guy in about four and get a thousand dollars and we have a hell of a party.

"Next time, though, the Old Man says I can have another pass but he figures I should donate something to the athletic fund. It was me smartened him up, see, and now it's his



idea. Well, I promise $500, but my end for the second fight comes to only $850 and with expenses and all I got to write my personal check for about $150.

"Next time it's the same thing but my end is only $300. I can't admit to anybody that I fight that cheap, so I got to write a bigger check. I win about seven or eight fights and it costs me more money all the time. All together I give the camp about $7,200 out of $11,000.

"Finally Mike Jacobs calls me up and offers me twenty-five per cent in the Garden with Billy Arnold, that I never heard of. I had a furlough coming to me, so I had Mike wire me a thousand dollars and bunch of us drove to Pittsburgh; I had the Cadillac then. At home here, we tore into the champagne something terrific before we went to New York. There they tell me this Arnold that I never heard of is four to one to beat me and has twenty-seven knockouts in thirty-three fights. Well, I says, nobody's four to one against Fritzie, and we started betting, the whole crowd of us. I win, all right, and when we collect the bets we got $16,000 wrapped up in a newspaper. I win $4,200 in bets and my end is $11,000. So, I give the Old Man another $500 because he don't know I'm getting $11,000, which if he ever found it out he'd of thrown me in the brig.

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